XIII A
19

Hyderabad
Assigned districts
1874

Year: 1874

Sub: Judicial
Administration/
Report

Place: Hyderabad

WEST BENGAL SECRETARIAT
LIBRARY

of about 3
for the province.
general, two districts out
Basim—being responsible for an in-
611 and 30 respectively, attributed, in respect to
the larger of these two totals, chiefly to more prosecu-
tions under the head of Public Nuisances.

2. As remarked by the Judicial Commissioner, it is satisfactory to note that the general decrease is greater in offences with which the police are competent to deal direct without magisterial warrant than in non-cognizable cases, in which they cannot arrest on their own authority.

3. The number of cases removed from the register of crime by the police on their own authority, or under instructions from Magistrates, was 1,386, or
of the offences reported.

4. The number of offences unde
prescribed by statements in force

	1873
Class I.—Offences against State, coin, stamps, &c....	2,3
Do. II.— do. person ...	3,1
Do. III.— do. property ...	5,8
Do. IV.— do. miscellaneous	1,0
Total ...	12

7. Th[illegible]
Municipal and [illegible]

8. The decrease in crime [illegible]
attributed by the Deputy Commissioner an[illegible]
sioner to a marked fall in prices of staple food, [illegible]
cheaper food may also account for fewer thefts in other districts also.

9. From the statistics relating to persons brought to trial it appears :—

(1.)—That out of a total of 16,771, 5,268 were Kunbis, 2,172 Muhammadans, 1,860 Dhers, and 298 Brinjaras : regarding whom a word will be said further on. In proportion to population under each caste, the Muhammadans furnished 1·4 per cent. and the Kunbis [illegible] per cent.

[illegible]ce prosecuted to conviction 73 per cent. [illegible] arrested. The rate of conviction, [illegible]er hand, in non-cognizable cases [illegible]2· ; which shows that complaints [illegible] made without sufficient evidence [illegible]hem. Lumping cognizable and [illegible]le cases together, it appears [illegible]rcentage of persons acquitted [illegible] that of last year, the decrease [illegible] convictions being about 6 per

cent. The Judicial Commissioner states, on the authority of the figures given in para. 50 (p. 52) of the report, that the magistracy do not sufficiently exercise the power vested in them under section 147, Criminal Procedure Code, and dismiss complaints in non-cognizable cases.

(3.)—Of those convicted, that is, out of a total of 9,630, only 13·5 per cent. were imprisoned; 5·6 per cent. were flogged, and nearly 81 per cent. escaped with simple fine. The imprisonment was rigorous in nearly 88 cases out of every 100, and only in 253 did the term exceed six months. The number of persons whipped was less than in the previous year. The punishments inflicted give evidence of a light criminal calendar; and the Resident will be glad to hear if the Judicial Commissioner is of opinion that ill-judged leniency is attributable to many of the sentences which have come under his review. Especially is it to be desired that hardened offenders should be made to feel the full weight of the law. Mr. Saunders believes he is correct in saying that the percentage of prisoners in Berar jails, confined for other than a first offence, has suffered little or no perceptible diminution during the last few years. This may be due in part to prison-life and discipline not having been made sufficiently irksome and deterrent; but yet it behoves the magistracy to see that the law is not robbed of its terrors by too light sentences on their part in the case of proved professional criminals.

10. The Judicial Commissioner, in para. 55 of his

report, complains that he had no opportunity of seeing the police reports, and that he was not consequently in a position to verify the police statements. As the Judicial Commissioner compiles all the judicial statements for the province, it is desirable, with a view to secure uniformity and correctness of the returns of the two departments, that he should see the district police reports before they are transmitted to the Commissioner for submission to the Resident.

11. On the distribution of the magisterial business, the following figures are extracted :—

6 Unpaid Magistrates tried therein	877 cases, and examined		1,639 witnesses	
40 Local Subordinate paid Magistrates .	7,261	do.	22,932	do.
14 Full power Magistrates	1,141	do.	4,363	do
6 Chief Magistrates of districts	383	do.	1,861	do.

12. The largest quantity of work, as regards the number of cases, fell on the subordinate local Magistrates, while heavier cases, devolved on the district Magistrates. The special Magistrates seem to have got through a fair amount of work.

13. The average duration of cases does not call for remark, beyond that it indicates creditable promptitude in the despatch of business.

14. With regard to appeals, it is not a favorable sign that out of 218, against 206 in the preceding year, which were heard by Deputy Commissioners, in more than half the decision of the lower courts was reversed or modified. In 42 appeals preferred before the Sessions Court, it is observed, the decision of the lower court was reversed in 16.

15. Out of 28 persons convicted by the Sessions Court, 10 were sentenced to death, the sentence being confirmed by the Resident in 9 instances and modified in one.

16. The most noteworthy figures of the report have now been glanced at. They afford little room for fresh comment after what has been said in former years. The year under review has witnessed the amalgamation of the two divisions of East and West Berar, and the establishment of a single Sessions Court, in lieu of the two formerly presided over by Divisional Commissioners. The office of Judicial Commissioner has been filled by Major Bell in a manner very creditable to himself. He has recorded his opinion on the general quality of the work turned out by the Judicial Officers of Berar in the following words, which command Mr. Saunders' concurrence, so far as he had opportunities for observation.

" The result of my inspections of the different courts, as " well as of the cases—criminal and civil—which have " come before me in appeal, lead me to believe that the " Magistrates and Civil Judges, as a rule, work honestly " and well, and that the procedure prescribed is fairly " observed."

" The Deputy Commissioners, as a rule, speak well of " their Assistants and Tahsildars. The statistics show, I " think, that we may congratulate ourselves on a diminu- " tion of crime and the punctual disposal of all work " brought before the courts."

17. A subject to which the Judicial Commissioner has given special prominence in his report calls for a few words in conclusion. It seems to be the general opinion of the Magistrates of districts, and of the Judicial Commissioner himself, that the surveillance to which the Brinjaras have been subjected under what is known as the special pass-system is a measure of restriction no longer, if it was ever, warranted by the number of cases in which persons of this class have been brought before the criminal courts. And it must be admitted that the pages devoted to this subject in the report (44 to 49) go a long way towards confirming the

conclusion that, mitigated though the interference of the police with *tandas* or parties of Brinjaras has been of late, it is yet uncalled for and inexpedient. In saying this, the magistrates either pay the police a compliment, which Mr. Saunders fears is not wholly deserved, or else the compliment is to the Brinjaras. Either the police are now considered fully able to cope with the Brinjaras as a criminal class, without having recourse to any special measures of surveillance, or the Brinjaras have ceased to be the criminal class they used to be. The increased activity of our police administration during the last few years has doubtless conduced in a great measure to the peaceableness now apparent in what at any rate used to be accounted a criminal tribe. It may be that the position of the Brinjaras among criminal tribes has been exaggerated: the tendency to 'give a dog a bad name and hang him,' as the Deputy Commissioner of Wun puts it, is, we all know, common enough, but the experience of the police officers and of the Commissioner of the province seems to have recommended to their judgment the policy of keeping the dog who has once bitten muzzled; and gradually, as *tandas* maintain a good reputation, to take off the muzzle by removing the police surveillance under which they move about the country. It was on their representation that the Resident sanctioned the special pass-system now condemned by the Judicial Commissioner and the District Magistrates—a condemnation which he was not previously aware of—and weighty though the counter opinions now expressed must naturally be considered, Mr. Saunders is not prepared without further enquiry to summarily withdraw altogether what in one point of view is, or was, a useful precaution. At the same time, he is much obliged to the Judicial Commissioner and the district officers for the evidence furnished by them on the point, and he will take care to consider it still further. Meanwhile, referring to the case of the Buldana district, where it is stated "the Brinjaras never have been troublesome," he will ask the Commissioner and Inspector General of Police to consider if

all *tandas* in this district might not safely be exempted from the pass-system.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

The main figures of the year may be briefly abstracted as follows:—There were 44 Civil Courts, against 52 in the previous year. Litigation declined, 21,065 being the sum total of suits instituted, against 22,716 in 1873. Thus, a decrease of 1,651 appears; and the decrease was general, excepting in the districts of Elichpur and Wun, and in the Small Cause Court at Oomraottee. In Akola, always the district where most suits are filed, the fall, in comparison with the year before, was nearly as much as 31 per cent. The proportion of suits to population varied from 1 suit to 68 souls in Akola to 1 to 227 in Wun. The proportion for the province was 1 to 105.

18. The statement classifying suits according to their nature presents no new features. Perhaps, the fact of between 7 and 8 per cent. only of the suits filed being "on unwritten promise" may be taken to indicate that the difficulty of substantiating verbal promises as legally binding is fairly recognised.

19. Looking at the value of property sued for, we find that in 26·1 per cent. of suits filed, it was less than Rupees 20: in 53·8 per cent. less than Rupees 100: in only 18·9 per cent. was it more than Rupees 500. In 7 suits the value reached Rupees 10,000: in 6 Rupees 1,00,000. In 47 suits, against 187 in the preceding year, no money value could be assigned. The general average value per suit was Rupees 94, against Rupees 118 in 1873.

20. The average percentage of law-costs has risen: in necessary costs, or fees demandable by law, from Rupees 7-8-1 to Rupees 9-14-10, and in costs voluntarily under-

taken by litigants from Rupees 1-15-0 to Rupees 2-10-9. The increase is attributed to the increased rates sanctioned for the service of processes. At first sight. it might be regarded as partly responsible for the decrease of suits already noticed ; but the Resident believes that so far as the figures of former years supply ground for a conclusion, fluctuations in the percentage of law-costs have very little effect on the tide of litigation in Berar. A return of the number of cases contested and uncontested, in which Vakeels were engaged, might throw some light on the point: it would, at any rate, be interesting as affording evidence of the number of cases disposed of without the assistance of Vakeels.

21. The manner in which suits were disposed of is thus shown :—

Uncontested.	Disposal of suits. Cases	Per cent.
Dismissed for default	799 ...	3 7
Decided *ex parte*	2,203 ...	10·2
„ by confession	8,215 ...	38·1
„ by compromise...	3,358 ..	15 6
„ by arbitration	... ...	...
Cases transferred	387 ...	1·7
Contested and decided		
In favor of Plaintiff ...5,232		
„ „ Defendant ...1,331	... 6,563 ...	30 6
	21,525	

22. It is strange that no suits were decided by arbitration. Mr. Saunders would be glad to hear how the Judicial Commissioner accounts for this : whether it is to be attributed to the protracted delay and trouble which often beset this mode of settlement, or rather to efforts of Vakeels whose interests are probably at variance with resort to arbitration.

23. In 30·6 cases per cent. only, the courts had to conduct their inquiry in the presence of both parties, and to

hear and record evidence. On this the Judicial Commissioner remarks : *Para.* 7.—"In the Central Provinces, I observe that in 1873 the percentage of uncontested cases was 76 6, and of contested cases 23 4; so that it would appear that the courts in this province have more real work to get through than those in the Central Provinces. It is a noticeable feature in our civil administration that annually the number of contested cases increases. The increase this year, it is true, is very little, but still there is an increase. I do not know whether this can be said to show that the litigation is healthy in character, but it would seem to show, at all events, that plaintiffs do not come hastily into court. Of the contested cases, 79·7 per cent. were decided either wholly or in part in favor of the plaintiffs, and only 20 3 in favor of defendants." The civil work which devolved on Tahsildars during the year under report was, as usual, heavy; but recent administrative arrangements will, it is hoped, at any rate for a time, result in a more even distribution of civil judicial work, the sufficiency of which will be determined by further experience.

24. The duration of suits, as noticed by the Judicial Commissioner, is high in all courts. This is a point to which attention will doubtless be kept directed, more especially as of late years the courts have contended with the influx of civil business with, on the whole, very praiseworthy diligence and promptitude. It is quite true, however, that for some months in the year under report, the Commission was rather short-handed in the upper grades, and this helped in some degree to lengthen the general average duration of each suit.

25. The number of witnesses examined was 32,728; being less by 3,467 than in 1873.

31,837 witnesses were detained for one day only.
759 for two days.
132 for from 3 to 6 days.

Two witnesses appear to have been detained for 15 days; a report has been called for explaining the circumstances which led to this long detention.

26. Only 1,404 suits were left undisposed of at the end of the year: of these 572 were filed in the month of December 1874.

27. The total number of decrees for execution was 17,724: of these:—

4,943 were completely executed.

3,951 „ partially „

In 5,450 execution was not taken out;

and 3,380 cases remained pending.

28. Land paying revenue to Government was brought under attachment in execution of decrees in 1,042 cases. Of these, in 261 cases alienation was effected: in 166 cases sale of land was recommended: in 72 instances land was actually sold. The longest period for which alienation of land was effected was 10 years.

The Judicial Commissioner dwells at length on the impropriety of alienating land for such long periods, and suggests that the period of alienation should be limited to 5 years. The interesting remarks made and quoted in connection with this subject (p. 22-24,) will be discussed separately. At present, the Resident will only record his concurrence in the opinion expressed that the number of cases in which actual sale followed attachment is not such as to inspire anxiety, when our *raiatwari* system is considered together with the fact—pithily expressed by Captain Hudleston—that in the great majority of instances "possession of land in Berar partakes more of a mercantile speculation than of a sentimental attachment to the soil."

29. The number of persons imprisoned for debt was 443, or less by 70 than in the previous year: of these only 37 remained in jail at the end of the year.

30. The number of processes served during the year was 120,340, and the amount realized Rupees 54,416. The expenditure incurred in the process service department amounted to Rupees 43,615. The balance in hand at the end of the year was Rupees 10,801. Under sanction from the Government of India, Rule No. III. of the process service rules in force in Berar was revised and altered, so as to admit of increased expenditure in that department; but as experience has shown that the rule, even in its amended form, does not further the end in view, the Resident on the recommendation of the Judicial Commissioner, has recommended to the Government of India its entire abolition.

31. The amount realized by the sale of court fee stamps in the civil, criminal, and revenue branches of the Administration, was Rupees 1,98,912.

32. The statement given at page 25 of the Judicial Commissioner's report fully shows that the Small Cause Courts in the province are self-supporting, except the one at Akola, which, however, it must be remembered, was only established at the commencement of the year under review.

33. From the statement showing castes of litigants, it will be observed that more than 40 per cent. of the plaintiffs who filed suits during the year were Marwadis, while upwards of 42 per cent. of the defendants were Kunbis.

34. The number of vakeels practicing in the province did not increase, but on the contrary fell off by 10. The sum total was 104, of which 43 were engaged in the Akola district, and 27 in Oomraottee. Three diplomas were cancelled for misconduct. In respect to attainments and character, the complaints against the pleaders of the province are not so loud as they used to be.

APPEAL BUSINESS.

35. 408 appeals were preferred to the Deputy Commissioner, against 418 in the preceding year, and 158 to the Judicial Commissioner, including 20 special appeals, against 167 in 1873.

For future comparison, it may be well to record in this place the subjoined figures, showing how the appellate business was disposed of, and the value and cost of appeals :—

	Heard by Depy. Comrs. Appeals.	Heard by Judl. Comr. Appeals.	Special appeal.
Dismissed for default	10	4	2
Heard *ex parte*	65	...	...
Decisions confirmed	160	104	5
Do. modified	33	...	...
Do. reversed	69	24	11
Cases remained under Section 351 ...	52	8	3

Value and cost of appeals heard by Deputy Commissioners.	Rs.	A.	P.
Average cost per suit ...	12	7	4
Percentage of cost ...	14	1	4
Average value	88	0	0

Value and cost of appeals heard by Judicial Commissioner	Regular appeals.						Special appeals.					
	Necessary.			Voluntary.			Necessary.			Voluntary.		
	Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P,	Rs.	A.	P.
Average cost per suit ...	32	6	0	31	14	0	19	9	11	10	14	0
Percentage of cost ...	5	6	8	5	5	5	10	6	6	5	12	7
	No.									No.		
Average value	597			...			...			188		

36. With regard to registration, the Judicial Commissioner, it is observed, concurs with two district officers in the belief that registration is often made a cloak for fraudulent transactions. Major Bell adds: "I am not inclined to think that registration has not, or ever can have, much effect upon litigation." Hitherto, indeed, so far as we can see, the registration act would not appear to have made any decided impression on Berar litigation. It is obviously calculated, as remarked by the Deputy Com-

missioner of Elichpur, to render the disposal of suits easy, "but it renders fraudulent transactions very hard to be detected."

37. In the opinion of the Resident, the results recorded of the year under review are, on the whole, satisfactory as regards the working of the courts, while the decrease of litigation betokens, it is hoped, no unfavourable sign. A short time ago a notion was abroad that the money-lender was becoming the curse of the province and preying upon the vitals of the peasantry; but later experience seems to convict this idea of exaggeration. "Bankers and others", writes Captain Hudleston, "have many hopelessly bad debts, and their other business is steadily falling off. They do not now lend money so easily since resort to the courts is not the certain mode of recovery it used to be as long as the debtor had any landed property." Captain Grant, the Judge of the Khamgaon Court, observes: "a money-lender having got a decree, his difficulties then commence. If he attaches the defendant's property, he finds to his cost that it has been sold before to some more lucky creditor, or to some member of the defendant's family: whether fraudulently or not it is a matter of time and expense to prove. Should he arrest him, a certificate of bankruptcy is produced, or defendant at once applies under Section 273 or 280 Civil Procedure Code. In fact, if the Marwadi charges enormous interest on his loans to Kunbis, the advantage is not all on the Marwadi's side. I think there are very few money-lending firms which could not show a surprisingly large number of unrecovered and unrecoverable debts."

"In my opinion, this difficulty in recovering debts will work good. It will render the money-lender more chary and cautious in granting loans and deprive the borrower of the means of plunging into debt whenever he is in want of a small loan. When one considers how

much borrowed money is wasted on marriage and other ceremonies, it is no matter for regret that such loans will not be so easily procurable as they have heretofore been."

(By Order.)

G. H. TREVOR,

Second Assistant Resident.

HAIDARABAD RESIDENCY,
The 30th November 1875.

XIIIA/19

No. 805 of 1875.

From

Major J. G. Bell,

Offg. Judicial Commissioner,

Haidarabad Assigned Districts,

To

The First Assistant Resident,

Haidarabad.

Dated Akola, 13*th April* 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my Report on the Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice for the year 1874, and to forward the several District and Small Cause Courts' Reports in original, which were received by me on the following dates:—

Small Cause Court, Oomraottee	.	9th January 1875
Small Cause Court, Akola	.	23rd ,,
Wun District Report	. .	12th February 1875.
Oomraottee District Report	...	22nd ,,
Akola District Report	.. .	25th ,,
Small Cause Court, Khamgaon	...	25th ,,
Elichpur District Report		1st March 1875.
Basim District Report	...	,,
Buldana District Report	..	4th March 1875.

All the statements received with the district reports have been tabulated in this office, and are submitted for the first time as an Appendix to this Report. A list of the statements which should accompany the district reports, together with a skeleton form of each of the statements, were circulated to all the District Officers at the close of the year with a view of securing uniformity in the preparation of the several statements, and there has been much improvement this year in this respect, as well as, I trust also, in the matter of correctness of the statistical information afforded.

The appointment of a Judicial Commissioner from the 1st April 1874 with jurisdiction as Civil and Sessions Judge throughout the Assigned Districts provides for a more efficient supervision being exercised over the working of the subordinate Courts in the province, in connection with the judicial branch of the administration; and further improvement as to uniformity and completeness in the preparation of these returns will no doubt be yearly attained.

All the district and Small Cause Courts were inspected during the year, and such irregularities and errors in procedure and other matters as came to notice have been pointed out. The numerous forms used every day in the different Courts in disposing of judicial business were also called for and examined, and one set of forms has been prescribed for use in all the districts.

The subject of registers to be maintained in the various Courts is still under consideration, and orders will hereafter issue on this subject.

Tribunals, Provincial Statement I.

At the close of the year 1874 there were 69 tribunals of various kinds for the disposal of the whole judicial work of the province, or one tribunal to 32,252 persons.

The number of Courts open at the close of the years 1873 and 1874, respectively, is compared below, as follows:—

	1873.	1874.
Judicial Commissioner	...	1
Commissioners	2	...
Deputy Commissioners	5	5
Assistant Commissioner in charge Basim ...	1	1
Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	18	15
Small Cause Courts	4	4
Attachè to the Resident	1	1
Special Magistrates	5	6
Tehsildars and Naib-Tehsildars	34	36
Total ...	70	69

All judicial powers and functions which were before vested in, and discharged by, the Commissioners of East and West Berar within the limits of their respective divisions in the capacity of Courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction were from the 1st April 1874 transferred to a Judicial Commissioner with jurisdiction throughout the Assigned Districts.

The number of Assistant, and Extra Assistant Commissioners' Courts above shown, *viz.* 15, represents the number of officers of those grades actually present in Berar at the close of the year. But of these, one—Mr. Elliott—was too ill for some time to be of much use, and of the remainder, two were in charge of District Treasuries, and were therefore only partially available for judicial work, while one—Mr. Nicholetts—did not return from furlough till November.

The Judges of two of the Small Cause Courts have been invested during the year with criminal powers of Magistrates of 1st Class, under Section 51 of Act XI. of 1865, in order to keep them fully occupied.

Two special Magistrates were appointed during the year; one at Ballapore, in the Akola district, and the other at Oomerkheir, in the Basim district; and one special Magistrate, appointed for the town of Khamgaon, died on the 29th July 1874.

Two additional Magistrates of the 3rd Class were provided during the year in the persons of the Naib-Tehsildars of Pusad and Chicklee. No Naib-Tehsildars exercised civil jurisdiction.

Of the Courts enumerated above, 42 exercise both civil and criminal jurisdiction; two exclusively civil business, and 25 only criminal work.

Of the Judges who presided over the Courts, 17 were Europeans and 52 natives.

With the exception of six native gentlemen who are Honorary Magistrates, all the Magistrates were stipendiary.

The following is the number and description of each class of tribunal existing at the close of the year:—

Magistrates of 2nd and 3rd Class, exercising criminal powers only	25
Magistrates of 2nd and 3rd Class, exercising civil and criminal powers	21
Magistrates of 1st Class, exercising civil and criminal powers	12
Small Cause Court Judge, with power to hear suits up to Rs. 1,000	1
Small Cause Court Judge, with power to hear suits up to Rs. 500, also invested with criminal powers of Magistrate, 1st Class	2
Registrar invested with power to hear suits up to Rs. 20 in value	1
Magistrates of Districts, exercising civil, criminal, and revenue powers, also the powers described by Section 36 of Act X. of 1872 and civil and criminal appellate powers	6
Sessions Judge, and civil, criminal appellate Judge ...	1

The following statement shows the distribution of the subordinate Courts at the close of the year:—

Districts.	Assistant Commissioners.	Extra Assistant Commissioners.	Small Cause Courts.	Tehsildars and Naib-Tehsildars.	Honorary Magistrates.	Total.
Akola	2	2	2	9	1	16
Buldana	*1	2	...	5	1	9
Basim	1	...	...	4	2	7
Oomraottee	1	†4	‡2	7	1	15
Elichpur	1	1	...	5	1	8
Wun	1	...	...	6	...	7
Total...	7	9	4	36	6	62

* Sick and under orders for Akola.
† Including Attaché.
‡ One Registrar.

The following is a list of the Imperial and Provincial figured statements annexed as an Appendix to this Report:—

	Civil.	Criminal
Imperial Statements.		
Statement showing the various judicial tribunals.	...	B. I.
Statement of offences reported and persons tried	...	„ II.
Statement showing general result of criminal trials	...	„ III.
Statement of punishments inflicted	...	„ IV.
Statement showing result of appeal and revision in criminal appeals	...	„ V.
Statement showing number and description of civil suits instituted	B. VI.	...
Statement showing value of suits disposed of ..	„ VII.	...
Statement showing general result of trials of civil suits	„ VIII.	...
Statement of business of civil and revenue appellate Courts	„ XIX.	...
Statement showing execution of decrees ...	„ X.	...
Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors ..	...	„ XI
Provincial Statements.		
Statement showing the work performed by each officer	XII.	...
Statement showing the value and cost of original suits	XIII.	...
Statement showing the value of appeal suits disposed of	XIV.	...
Statement showing the value and cost of appeal suits	XV.	...
Statement showing the number of suits remaining.	XVI.	...
Statement showing the average detention of witnesses	XVII.	...
Statement showing the attachment, &c., of land paying revenue to Government	XVIII.	...
Statement showing the average duration of suits disposed of and pending...	XIX.	...
Statement showing the caste of litigants ...	XX.	...
Statement showing the number of civil debtors imprisoned during the year	XXI.	...
Statement showing the number of Vakils practising.	XXII.	...

	Civil	Criminal.
PROVINCIAL STATEMENTS.—(*Concluded*)		
Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of process fees	XXIII.	...
Statement showing the collections on account of court and process fees	XXIV.	...
Statement showing the work performed by each officer	...	XXV.
Statement showing the cases tried under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code	...	XXVI
Statement showing the cases refused by police ..	...	XXVII.
Statement showing the crimes committed by Brinjaras	...	XXVIII.
Statement showing the number of Brinjaras punished	...	XXIX.
Statement showing the average detention of witnesses	...	XXX
Statement showing the value of property stolen...	...	XXXI
Statement showing the amount of fines levied ...	...	XXXII.
Statement showing the suicides and accidental deaths	...	XXXIII.
Statement showing castes of prisoners	...	XXXIV.
Statement showing proportion of police to population...	...	XXXV.
Statement showing the number of persons committed to Sessions Court...	...	XXXVI.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

Original Suits, Imperial.—Form B.—VI.

1. The following table shows the total number of suits institut-

ed in the several District and Small Cause Courts during the year under review, as compared with those of 1873:—

	Civil suits.	
	1873.	1874.
Akola District	6,654	4,609
Buldana „	3,076	2,566
Basim „	1,136	1,111
Oomraottee „	2,792	2,702
Elichpur „	2,514	3,064
Wun „	1,316	1,483
Small Cause Court, Akola	180	1,286
„ Khamgaon	2,702	1,942
„ Elichpur	354	*
„ Oomraottee	1,992	2,302
Total ..	22,716	21,065

It is thus apparent there has been a decrease of 1,651 in the number of suits instituted during 1874, as compared with 1873, though the number is still in excess of 1872 by 2,689.

With the exception of an increase of 15 per cent. in the Oomraottee Small Cause Court; of an increase of about 13 per cent. in the Wun district; and of an increase of about 22 per cent. in the Elichpur district, consequent on the transfer of the Small Cause Court to Akola: there has been a decrease in all the other Courts. The largest decreases apparent are in the Akola and Buldana districts, and in the Khamgaon Small Cause Court, amounting respectively to 31, 16 and 28 per cent. Taking, however, as a whole for the province, the net decrease is less than 8 per cent.

2. The establishment of a Small Cause Court at Akola partly accounts for the reduction of suits instituted in the district Courts in 1874, as compared with 1873; and the Officiating Deputy Commissioner thinks that the decrease may be partly attributed to the low prices of cotton and grain prevalent throughout the year.

* Closed from 15th April 1873.

In the Buldana district 70 villages were transferred during the year to the jurisdiction of the Khamgaon Small Cause Court.

The decrease in this district is partly owing to this change of jurisdiction; and the Deputy Commissioner thinks probably the difficulties in realization of debts upon the security of landed property through the Courts is one reason for the falling-off.

From the jurisdiction of the Khamgaon Small Cause Court, 126 villages were transferred to that of the Akola Small Cause Court, and there was necessarily a diminution, says the Judge of the Court, in the number of suits instituted.

The proportion of suits instituted (including those in the Small Cause Courts) to population is as follows:—

Akola	District	...	...	1 suit to every	61	souls.
Buldana	„	...	...	1 do.	142	„
Basim	„	...	..	1 do.	222	„
Oomraotee	„	..	...	1 do.	98	„
Elichpur	„	...	...	1 do.	91	„
Wun	„	...	...	1 do.	227	„
Whole Province		...	...	1 do.	105	„
In 1873 in the Central Provinces there was		...	...	1 do.	98	„

This proportion is, as usual, highest in the Akola district, and lowest in Wun.

3. The Deputy Commissioners of the districts in which the decrease in litigation is chiefly noticeable, as well as the Judge of the Khamgaon Court, assign various reasons for what has occurred.

Captain Hudleston remarks as follows:—

This falling-off in litigation, I believe, is very general in "the province. I do not think there is any reason to regret the fact, though it may not be easy to account for it. "Probably the difficulties in realization of debts upon the "security of landed property through the Courts is one "reason for the falling-off, though I would not say that it "is the only one.

" Bankers and others have many hopelessly bad debts, " and their other business is steadily falling off. They do " not now lend money so easily, since resort to the Courts " is not the certain mode of recovery it used to be as long " as the debtor had any landed property.

Captain Grant remarks that as his territorial jurisdiction has been curtailed by the loss of 126 villages, a diminution in the number of suits instituted, and in the whole work of the Court, necessarily followed, and he then goes on to state as follows:—

" The tendency noticed last year to reduce to writing all " contracts is more marked this year, and it is remarkable " that of the whole litigation of the year only about 7½ " per cent. is on unwritten obligations. The practice of " recording nearly all contracts in writing ought to reduce " litigation, and would do so in a marked manner if the " practice of taking receipts for money paid was as gene- " ral as the writing of contracts. But unfortunately this " is not the case; hence the frequency of disputes as to pay- " ment.

* * * *

" A money-lender having got a decree, his difficulties " then commence. If he attaches the defendant's property, " he finds to his cost that it has been sold before to some " more lucky creditor, or to some member of the defend- " ant's family, whether fraudulently or not, it is a matter of " time and expense to prove. Should he arrest him, a cer- " tificate of bankruptcy is produced, or defendant at once " applies under Section 273 or 280 Civil Procedure Code. " In fact, if the Marwarree charges enormous interest on " his loans to Kunbis, the advantage is not all on the Mar- " warree's side. I think there are very few money-lending " firms which could not show a surprisingly large number " of unrecovered and unrecoverable debts.

" In my opinion, this difficulty in recovering debts will " work good. It will render the money-lender more chary " and cautious in granting loans and deprive the borrower " of the means of plunging into debt, whenever he is in

" want of a small loan. When one considers how much
" borrowed-money is wasted on marriage and other cere-
" monies, it is no matter for regret that such loans will not
" be so easily procurable as they have heretofore been."

The Deputy Commissioner, Akola, assigns as one cause of decrease in his district the fall of prices throughout the year. He also says the decrease is attributable in a measure to the want of regularity and celerity in the despatch of business in the Akola district during the year. The reason of this state of things the Deputy Commissioner gives in his paras. 110 to 118: it is unnecessary for me to transcribe them here.

4. I thoroughly concur in what Captain Bullock says. No less than four officers held charge as Deputy Commissioner of the Akola district during the year, and, with the exception of the two Extra Assistant Commissioners, the whole personnel of the district as regards the Assistants was twice changed. Changes of this sort are fatal to regular work in any district.

Mr. Purshotam Rao at Argaon has proved himself, too, quite incapable of coping with the work arising in that Court, and hence a falling-off of 1,192 suits in the number instituted in the year under report. I do not, however, at all mean to deplore the decrease in litigation from whatever cause it may have happened. It is rather a matter I think for congratulation, though I am unable to think it creditable to our administration when such decrease arises from causes which might possibly be guarded against.

It is certainly a matter for congratulation to find that difficulties are arising in the way of Kunbis obtaining so freely as heretofore loans on any pretext however frivolous. As, however, much of the land is cultivated on borrowed capital, I think it not improbable that we may find with a decrease of litigation there will in time be a decrease in cultivation. If not, the land will be cultivated by the wealthier Kunbis working on their own capital with the present indebted cultivating class working in its proper sphere as farm laborers, and not as impecunious landed proprietors—a result much to be desired in my opinion.

Result of trials, Imperial Form B.—VIII.

5. Including 1,253 cases pending from the previous year, and 388 cases received by transfer or re-admitted, there was a total number of cases for disposal of 22,929.

Years	Total number of cases for disposal	Number of cases disposed of	Percentage to whole
1873	23,681	22,406	94 6
1874	22,929	21,525	93·8

Of the total suits for disposal, 21,525 were disposed of during the year, or 881 less than in the previous year, as will appear from the marginal table.

Of the total suits disposed of, 4,544 (being 21 per cent.) were disposed of without decree, namely, by transfer, dismissal on default, withdrawal, and compromise.

In 16,981, being 79 per cent., decree was passed.

Of the 16,981 in which decree was passed, 10,418 were without contest, and 6,563 with contest.

Thus, only 30·5 per cent. of the province was adjudicated by the Courts upon evidence.

6. The annexed table gives a comparative view of the details of disposal in the several Courts:—

Districts.	Dismissed on default.	Decided *ex parte*.	Decided by confession.	By compromise.	By arbitration	Transferred.	Contested and decided. In favour of Plaintiff	Contested and decided. In favour of defendant.	Percentage of contested cases decided in favour of plaintiff to the number contested
Akola	147	518	1,831	666	...	15	975	212	82·1
Buldana	40	206	1,246	389	...	...	550	142	79 5
Basim	44	33	450	294	...	93	266	108	71 1
Oomraottee	211	340	1,122	446	...	146	587	137	81·1
Elichpur	55	195	1,280	409	...	128	919	196	82·4
Wun	146	80	580	251	...	2	924	127	71 8
Small Cause Court, Akola	51	79	501	210	...	...	344	77	81 7
Do., Khamgaon	21	187	692	318	...	3	636	156	80·3
Do, Oomraottee	84	535	511	375	..	..	631	176	78 2
Total	799	2,203	8,215	3,358		387	5,232	1,331	79 7

The results in 21,525 suits were:—

Plaints rejected or returned ...	73		
Transferred	387,	or 1 8	per cent.

Disposed of without contest:—

Dismissed on default	799,	or 3 7	per cent.
Decided *ex parte*	2,203	„ 10 2	„
Decided by confession	8,215	„ 38 1	„
By compromise	3,358	„ 15 6	„
Total uncontested ..	14,575	„ 67·6	„

Contested and judgment given for:—

In favor of plaintiff	5,231,	or 24 4	per cent.
In favor of defendant	1,331	„ 6 2	„
Total contested ..	6,563	„ 30 6	„
Against in 1873 ..	6,700	„ 29·9	„

7. In the Central Provinces I observe that in 1873 the percentage of uncontested cases was 76·6, and of contested cases 23·4; so that it would appear that the Courts in this province have more real work to get through than those in the Central Provinces. It is a noticeable feature in our civil administration that annually the number of contested cases increases. The increase this year, it is true, is very little, but still there is an increase. I do not know whether this can be said to show that the litigation is healthy in character, but it would seem to show, at all events, that plaintiffs do not come hastily into Court.

Of the contested cases, 79·7 per cent. were decided either wholly or in part in favor of the plaintiffs, and only 20·3 in favor of defendants.

The following statement, which I have adopted from the Central Provinces Report for last year, shows the civil business turned out during the year by the different classes of Courts. From this it is clear that the great mass of civil work is performed by the Judges of the Small Cause

Courts, the Extra Assistant Commissioners, and the Tehsildars:—

	Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes.	Naib-Tehsildar.	Tehsildars.	Assistant Commissioners and Extra Assistant Commissioners.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
Number of Judges.	1	3	1	16	16	6	43
Salaries	Rupees 200.	700 to 900 Rupees.	35 to 50 Rupees.	150 to 200 Rupees.	250 to 800 Rupees.	1,333 to 1,888 Rs.	
	Percentage of suits disposed of						
	3·3	22·9	·3	26·6	46·5	·6	100
Total number of suits disposed of 21,525 ...	653	4,934	61	5,731	10,011	135	21,525

	Cases.	Percentage.
Total number of cases disposed of by Assistant Commissioners	2,053 ...	9·6
Do. by Extra Assistant Commissioners. ...	7,958 ...	36·9
Average ... By Assistant Commissioners	293	
Average ... By Extra Assistant do. ...	884	

8. It may be desirable to relieve the last named officials still further of civil work, and I hope shortly, in communication with the Commissioner, to come up with a proposal having this object in view. I would, however, point to the fact that in the Central Provinces the Tehsildars and their Naibs dispose of 43 per cent. of the whole civil work arising in the province, against 26·9 per cent. of the same work disposed of by the same officials in Berar. I am not forgetful of the difference in the revenue system in Berar and in the Central Provinces.

When I was Officiating Commissioner, West Berar, I proposed a plan at some length and detail, whereby Tehsildars would be relieved of some of the work devolving on them in their revenue capacity through our *raituari* system and settlement, but I never heard the result of my proposals, nor am I aware that any action was taken on them. I am disposed to think that while the Tehsildar occupies the position he does in his talook he should be allowed to have civil jurisdiction within the limits of his talook, being relieved by trustworthy and properly paid subordinates in the minor duties of his office as Sub-Collector, such as looking after boundary marks, checking *raiats* receipt books and village accounts.

9. The following table exhibits in detail for each district the number and proportion of cases decided by officers at head quarters [including Deputy Commissioner, Assistant, and Extra Assistant Commissioner], by Tehsildars, and by Judges of Small Cause Courts, and by Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioners:—

Districts.	Head-quarter officers.		Out-station officers, including only Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners.		Tehsildars.		Small Cause Courts.		Number of head-quarter officers.
	Number of cases disposed of.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number of cases disposed of.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number of cases disposed.	Percentage of total disposed.	Number of cases disposed.	Percentage of total disposed.	
Akola ...	312	1·5	3,055	14·2	1,029	4·8	3,275	15·2	*4
Buldana ...	305	1·4	836	3 9	1,432	6·6	...	...	2
Basim ...	1,076	5 1	...	...	212	1·	...	...	2
Oomraottee ...	1,111	5·2	1,087	4·9	790	3·7	2,312	10·8	†5
Elichpur ...	153	·7	2,108	9·8	921	4·3	...	...	2
Wun ...	103	·4	...	...	1,408	6·5	...	...	2
Total...	3,060	14·3	7,086	32·8	5,792	26·9	5,587	26·0	...

* 1 Treasury Officer.
† 1 Treasury Officer. One—Mr. Dunlop at Budneira as Railway Magistrate.

The reason of so little work being done at the head-quarters of the Akola district is to be found in the frequent changes already referred to; for though there were four officers at the close of the year at Akola, yet for many months there was only the Deputy Commissioner, and his treasury officer present at Akola, Mr. Dunlop having been transferred to Oomraottee and Mr. Bymonji to Buldana to act for Mr. Elliott. On the latter officer's return from leave, Mr. Bymonji was obliged to go through ill health.

Captain Hudleston on this subject writes:—

"The Tehsildars of Chickli and Mehkar have done more "civil work than should fall upon such officials, and though "I regretted, I was powerless to avert the heavy civil duty "falling upon them, for Mr. Elliott after the month of "August last was quite unfit for much work, and there "was no one else but Tehsildars to do it."

It certainly seems to me a great waste of working power to keep two highly paid officers at Iotmal to try 103 civil suits, of an average value of Rs. 216 each, in the year; and I wrote on this subject to the Commissioner during the year. It was not thought necessary to move Major Mayne, as it was known he contemplated taking furlough, but for the future I think other arrangements should be made.

With a view to relieve the Tehsildars of the Wun district of judicial work, an Extra Assistant Commissioner has since the close of the year been located at Wun.

The amount of civil work done during the year by each officer in the Administration is given in Appendix.

Number and description of suits instituted, Statement B.—VI.

10. The subjoined Statement shows the various descriptions of suits instituted in the several courts,

and the fluctuations under the various classes of suits, as compared with the previous year :—

	1873.	1874.
On written obligation	13,700	12,259
On unwritten obligation...	1,536	1,524
On account stated	3,612	3,734
Money had and received	171	129
Goods sold	898	944
Breach of contract not mentioned above	1,242	1,122
Rent not falling under rent law	136	150
Moveable property or value thereof	641	415
Damages	105	96
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease	9	...
Relating to distraint	2	...
For ejectment or recovery of possession	81	...
Suits under rent law not included in above	10	...
Suits for immoveable property	359	465
Suits for specific performance of contract	2	12
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	93	91
Suits to declare and establish personal rights... ..	81	88
Suits for an account	5	3
Suits relating to religious endowments...	1	1
Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, &c.	5	2
Suits relating to marriage	14	18
Suits for partition	11	12
Suits relating to religion	2	...
Claims not included in above.		
Total	23,017	21,065

This statement appears to call for no particular remark other than has already been made above in the quotation from the Khamgaon Small Cause Court Judge's report.

The principal reduction, as will be seen, is under the head "Written obligation."

Value of suits disposed of, Statement B.—VII.

11. The number and value of suits disposed of in 1873 and in 1874 are compared below:—

		Disposed in	
		1873.	1874.
Not exceeding Rs.	5	385	518
Do.	20	4,731	4,747
Do.	100	11,770	11,250
Do.	500	4,828	3,952
Do.	1,000	348	270
Do.	5,000	146	120
Do.	10,000	6	7
Do.	1,00,000	2	6
Above	1,00,000	3	..
Suits in which the amount of value cannot be shown.		187	46
Total ..		22,406	*20,916

The aggregate value of suits disposed of has decreased from Rs. 26,36,204 in 1873 to 19,81,227 in 1874, as might be expected from the decrease in the number of suits.

The average value of suits in 1874 is 94, against Rs. 118 in the previous year.

Value and cost of original suits, Statement XIII.

12. The aggregate cost of suits has increased from Rs. 2,49,050 in 1873 to Rs. 2,49,633 in 1874. The average cost from 11-2-11 to 11-14-11, and the percentage of costs to the total value of suits disposed of from 9-7-1 to 12-9-7. This increase may be attributed to the increased rates sanctioned for the service of processes.

* 222 re-trials and 387 transfers—total 609—not included in above.

Details connected with the value and costs of suits will be seen from the following statement :—

	1873.			1874.		
Number of suits	22,274			20,916		
Aggregate value of suits	26,36,204			19,81,227		
Aggregate cost of suits.						
Necessary	1,97,911			1,96,686		
Voluntary	51,139			52,947		
Total...	2,49,050			2,49,633		
Average value of suits	118			94		
Average cost of suits.						
Necessary	8	14	2	9	6	5
Voluntary	2	4	9	2	8	6
Total...	11	2	11	11	14	11
Percentage of costs to value.						
Necessary	7	8	1	9	14	10
Voluntary	1	15	0	2	10	9
Total...	9	7	1	12	9	7

13. I subjoin a statement showing the percentage of cost to value for each district in 1874, as compared with the same results in the preceding year :—

Districts.	Percentage of cost to value in					
	1873.			1874.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Akola	11	11	11	13	0	3
Buldana	10	2	5	12	13	2
Basim	14	6	2	11	12	9
Oomraottee	7	6	3	13	4	6
Elichpur	13	8	11	14	10	1
Wun	11	12	8	8	10	11

Ellichpur, Oomraottee, and Akola, show the greatest increase in costs, as compared with the figures for 1873. As the value of suits decreases, so must the percentage of costs to value increase.

14. The average number of hearings in each suit is 2·2. In the Small Cause Courts the average has been *less than* 1·1. The average number of hearings in the districts—Basim 3, Ellichpur 2·8, Buldana 2·2, and Akola 2—seems too high.

15. The average duration of each suit was in contested cases 40·5 days, and in uncontested cases 23·1 days, against 33·8 and 18·5 days in the previous year.

The average duration for each district was as follows:—

	Contested.	Uncontested.
Akola	79·0	48·6
Buldana	23·9	13·4
Basim	44·2	29·4
Oomraottee	32·0	15·9
Ellichpur	35·6	19·7
Wun	28·2	11·7
Total...	40·5	23·1

The average duration of contested and uncontested suits in each grade of Court in the province will be gleaned from the following figures:—

	Contested.	Uncontested
Chief Courts of districts	62·9	31·8
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of districts	43·4	25·1
Sub-divisional Courts	25·5	18·5
Small Cause Courts	10·3	9·3

The duration is high in all the Courts; but it seems unnecessary to go into detail here regarding the duration of suits, as the subject is one which receives continual attention on inspection of the periodical statements. Compared with the duration in the Small Cause Courts, the duration in the other Courts does not appear to be disproportionate.

Detention of witnesses, Statement XVII.

16. The number of witnesses examined was 32,728, or 3,467 less than in 1873. There seems to be no unnecessary delay in the detention of witnesses. Out of a total of 32,728 witnesses, 31,837, or 97 per cent., were detained for one day only; 759, or 2·4 per cent., for 2 days, and the remaining 132 for from 3 to 6 days, excepting 2 only in Akola district, who were detained for 15 days.

17. At the close of the year 1,404 suits were pending, of which 572, or more than one-third, were instituted during December. The suits pending in each district and Small Cause Court were:—

Akola	960
Buldana	47
Basim	28
Oomraottee	58
Elichpur	98
Wun	6
Small Cause Court, Akola	45
Do. do., Khamgaon	66
Do. do., Oomraottee	96
Total...	1,404

Of the suits pending in the Akola district, 801 were in the Court of the Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioner at Argaon.

Execution of decrees, Statement B.—X.

18. The comparative results obtained during the past 2 years in the execution of decrees will be observed from the following abstract :—

Years.	Total number of decrees for execution.	Completely executed.	Partially executed.	Cases in which there was no execution.	Cases pending.
1873	17,773	5,150	7,463	1,584	3,575
1874	17,724	4,948	3,951	5,450	3,380

In 8,301 cases property was attached, and in 3,654 it was sold, against 7,296 and 3,595 for the previous year.

The number of persons imprisoned for debt during the year was 443, or 70 less than in the previous year. Of the number imprisoned, 428 were released during the year, leaving 37 in custody at the end of it.

Attachment, &c., of land paying revenue to Government, statement XVIII.

19. The following statement gives the number of instances in the different districts in which recovery of value decreed was sought for upon land paying revenue to Government :—

Courts.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector succeeded in temporary alienating.	Number of instances in which sale of land was recommended.		Number of instances in which sales actually took place.		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.				
			Self acquired.	Ancestral.	Self acquired.	Ancestral.	For 1 year.	Not more than 3 years.	Not more than 5 years.	Not more than 10 years.	Above 10 years.
Akola ...	390	79	47	57	20	20	13	12	30	18	6
Buldana ...	160	19	12	21	11	18	...	3	12	4	...
Basim ...	27	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oomraottee ...	108	49	6	19	...	...	4	2	...	...	43
Elichpur ...	337	111	...	1	...	...	1	...	12	65	33
Wun ...	20	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1
Total ...	1,042	261	68	98	34	38	19	17	55	87	83

I quote here the remarks made on this subject by the Deputy Commissioners, Akola and Oomraottee.

The Deputy Commissioner of Akola says:—

"In 390 cases land paying revenue to Government was "attached. In 79 cases temporary alienation was effected. "In 10 instances the land was actually sold in execution "of decrees.

"This subject has attracted attention, and I have been "directed to comment on it in my revenue report.

"The number of cases in which land has been sold is "really not large for a *raiatwar* district of this size, but as "it is large in comparison with other districts some alarm "has been excited. I am afraid the number will increase, "for I have of late strictly carried out the Section 214 in "so far as it lays down that security is to be taken before "letting out the land, and I always make whoever accepts "the field pay down cash instead of instalments.

"In other ways we exceed the directions of the Section "which declares that the Collector shall, when he thinks it "advisable, propose to the Court to let out the land. But "in this district it has been the custom to take steps to let "the land in every case."

The Deputy Commissioner, Oomraottee, remarks:—

"In 43 cases the alienation extended over more than 10, "and not more than 16 years.

"I very much doubt whether a half measure of this sort "does any good to any one; and whether it is worthwhile "to protect a pauper tenant against himself."

From the above remarks, and from the statement generally, it is pretty clear that some of the Deputy Commissioners do not understand the object of the law as laid down in Section 214 of the Civil Procedure Code.

By this Section, land may, when its sale ordered by the Judge is considered objectionable by the Collector, be alienated for a time when satisfaction of the decree may be

made within a reasonable period: yet in many instances the land has been alienated for more than 10 years.

The Deputy Commissioner, Akola, although he alienates the land for a term of years extending to over ten years, yet not only demands security as required by law, but also payment down in a lump sum. It is not therefore quite clear why security should be demanded if the decree is satisfied by payment in cash in full.

I am disposed to think, however, that Captain Bullock is right in what he says as to the custom of temporarily alienating land in every case, instead of only in such cases as may to the Collector seem advisable.

20 The disposal of applications for the sale of land paying revenue to Government does not, under the orders of the Resident, lie with the Judicial Commissioner, and therefore I am unable to write authoritatively on the subject. It however seems to me that in every instance when application for execution is made to a Court, it is absolutely necessary for the Court to pass an order for the sale of the land, while it lies with the Collector to act under Section 244 as he may think fit. Where so much land is cultivated on borrowed capital as in Berar; and where holdings are generally so small and yet so capable of expansion and contraction to suit the holder's means; and where, as it has been very aptly put by the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, in correspondence which passed during the year, the possession of land in Berar partakes more of a mercantile speculation than of a sentimental attachment to the soil: it does appear to me that the land itself is the natural security for money lent for its cultivation, and that only in exceptional cases should temporary alienation under Section 244 be resorted to. Such exceptional cases being when the money sought to be recovered has not been advanced for cultivation, or where the land in question has been for a lengthened period in the possession of the judgment debtor.

A "reasonable period" can scarcely, in my opinion, be considered to be more than five years, but this is of course a mere matter of opinion, and the Deputy Commissioner,

Oomraottee, may be justified in certain cases in alienating land in satisfaction of decrees for sixteen years.

If, however, we look at the total number of sales which were actually effected during the year under report, I think with the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, that there is nothing to excite to any anxiety.

Out of 1,042 attachments, only in 72 cases, or 6 per cent., did actual sale follow.

When our *raiatwari* system is considered, this number of sales is so absolutely infinitesimal in proportion to the number of holdings that I should only waste time in pursuing the subject further.

Court and Process Fees, Statement XXIV.

21. The number of processes served during the year, and the amount realized and expended on process serving establishment, are shown below, and compared with the previous year:—

	1873.	1874.
Number of processes served	1,02,872	1,20,340
Amount realized	47,172	54,416
Amount expended	39,086	43,615
Balance	9,386	10,801

On account of Court Fees Rupees 1,98,912 were realized in the different districts, *vide* Appendix XIX. as follows:—

Civil...	1,80,911	15	0
Criminal	5,787	8	0
Revenue	11,713	2	0
Total ..	1,98,912	4	0

Receipts and Expenditure of Small Cause Courts:—

Receipts.

	Akola.		Khamgaon.		Oomraottee.		Total.	
	RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.
Court Fees.								
Plaints and other civil petitions, including *Vakalatnamas* and applications for execution of decrees ...	8,182	13	14,034	6	17,495	1	39,712	4
Process Fees ...	2,042	15	3,560	0	4,932	10	10,535	9
Civil and Revenue petitions ...	...	...	24	3	...	...	24	3
Amount collected on insufficiently stamped documents ...	70	14	30	3	211	12	312	13
Total ...	10,296	10	17,648	12	22,639	7	50,584	13

Expenditure.

	Akola.			Khamgaon.			Oomraottee.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Refund of Court Fee Stamps ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	2	0	25	2	0
Salaries.												
Judge	9,600	0	0	9,600	0	0	10,800	0	0	30,000	0	0
Establishment ...	2,945	8	1	2,868	0	0	4,251	1	0	10,064	9	1
Process service establishment ...	1,463	12	10	1,966	6	4	3,202	6	4	6,632	9	6
Contingencies.												
Stationery and Printing	710	10	1	272	9	1	234	14	0	1,218	1	2
Postage Stamps ...	..	...	...	30	6	0	...	...	...	30	6	0
Service Telegrams...	...	...	...	5	0	0	...	...	...	5	0	0
Punka Kulis ...	...	...	...	94	13	11	...	...	...	94	13	11
Miscellaneous ..	...	...	...	211	8	0	423	3	2	634	11	2
Total ...	14,719	15	0	15,048	11	4	18,936	10	6	48,705	4	10
Balance ..	−4,423	5	0	+2,600	0	8	+3,702	12	6	+1879	8	2
Grand Total ...	10,296	10	0	17,648	12	0	22,639	7	0	50,584	13	0

The receipts and expenditure of the three Small Cause Courts are shown in the preceding Statement. In Akola alone is the amount of receipts less than the expenditure, but this Court was only established at the commencement of the year. Taking at a whole, the receipts for the three Courts amount to Rupees 50,584-13, and expenditure to Rupees 48,705-4-10, leaving a saving of Rupees 1,879-9-3.

Castes of litigants, Statement No. XX.

22. The following table gives the castes of plaintiffs and defendants:—

Castes of litigants.	Plaintiffs.		Defendants.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Christians	18	0·08	42	0·17
Marwaris	8,865	40·81	930	3·76
Mhars	117	0·54	1,342	5·43
Brahmins	2,980	13·72	1,253	5·07
Kunbis	3,509	16·16	10,460	42·30
Musalmans	838	3·86	1,716	6·94
Brinjaralis	33	0·15	145	0·59
Kalals	93	0·43	138	0·56
Others	5,267	24·25	8,700	35·18
Total...	21,720		24,726	

Vakils, Statement XXII.

23. The number of Vakils practising in each district:—

	1873.	1874.
Akola	54	43
Buldana	12	13
Basim	5	4
Oomraottee	28	27
Elichpur	12	14
Wun	3	3
Total ...	114	104

In 1874, two Vakils died, and three had their diplomas cancelled for misconduct.

I concur in the following remark made by the Deputy Commissioner, Oomraottoo, on the qualifications of the Vakils in his district generally to conduct a case The remark applies as a rule to the Vakils of the whole province.

Mr. Hordern says:—"All our Vakils have yet to learn "how to examine a witness: their work in examination, "and cross-examination is left, with one or two exceptions, "to the Judge."

APPELLATE BUSINESS.

Statement B. IX.

24. The number of appeals preferred to the Deputy Commissioners from the decisions of subordinate Courts was in:—

	1873.	1874.
Akola	192	92
Buldana	13	27
Basim	70	87
Oomraottoo	47	38
Elichpur	59	131
Wun	37	33
Total .	418	408

being 10 less than in the previous year.

The total number of appeals for disposal was 411, of which 10 were dismissed for default and 65 heard *ex parte*. The number of cases decided on trial was 314. Of these, 160 were confirmed, 33 modified, 69 reversed, and 52 remanded under Section 351.

The average duration of appeal cases before Deputy Commissioners was as follows:—

Akola	28·7
Buldana	18·2
Basim	20·3
Oomraottoo	16·2
Elichpur	22·3
Wun	13·7

The Deputy Commissioners are certainly not overburdened now with appellate work. The number decided by the Deputy Commissioner, Oomraottee, in the whole year equals what a very few years ago the Deputy Commissioner used to try on an average in one month.

Value of Cost and Appeal Suits, Statement XV.

25. The following statement will show at a glance the number and aggregate value and cost of appeals to Deputy Commissioners; the average cost in each suit, and the percentage of cost to value of cases decided:—

Districts.	Number and value of suits disposed of				Total cost.			Average cost in each suit.			Percentage of cost to value of suit.		
	Number.	Value.											
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Akola ...	88	7,068	14	6	1,128	1	1	13	9	5	15	14	10
Buldana ...	27	1,118	12	6	303	6	0	11	6	2	27	1	9
Basim ...	88	6,041	5	2	783	1	0	8	14	4	12	15	4
Oomraottee ...	33	2,772	[illegible]	6	415	10	11	12	9	6	14	15	11
Elichpur ...	125	14,764	13	10	2,135	0	1	17	1	2	14	7	2
Wun ...	33	2,627	2	11	80	13	0	2	7	2	3	1	3
Total...	389	34,393	2	5	4,846	0	1	12	7	4	14	1	4

APPEALS TO JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER.

26. The number of appeals instituted in the Court of Judicial Commissioner was 158, against 167 in the previous year, as shown below:—

	1873.	1874.
Regular appeals	151 ...	138
Special appeals	16 ...	20
Total...	167	158

Including cases pending from previous year, there was a total number for disposal of 170, as compared with 179 in 1873.

The following table shows the way in which the appeals were disposed of. The figures for 1873 being added for comparison:—

	Number of appeals disposed of.	In favor of Appellant.		In favor of respondent.	By arbitration.	By compromise.	Dismissed or struck off.	Remanded under Section 351.	Average duration.
		Wholly.	Partly.						
Regular	140	14	10	104	...	...	4	8	58
Special	21	4	7	5	...	...	2	3	52
Total... 1874...	161	18	17	109	...	...	6	11	55
Total... 1873...	170	34	18	101	...	...	...	17	38

27. The average duration is 58 days in regular, and 52 in special, appeals, against 47 and 30 in the previous year. The increase is owing partly to appeals having been returned to district officers for further inquiry under Section 354, and partly to the increased territorial jurisdiction of the Judicial Commissioner's Court, which, under the new *regime*, has just been doubled. There was some delay, too, occasioned in the transfer of a few appeal files from East to West Berar.

The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 9, against 12 in the previous year.

The value and costs of regular and special appeals to Judicial Commissioner are shown in the following statement :—

		Number and value of suits disposed of.		Total cost of suits.		Average cost in each suit.						Percentage of cost to value.					
		Number.	Value.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Necessary.			Voluntary.			Necessary.			Voluntary.		
						RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Regular ..		140	83,651	4,533	4,467	32	6	0	31	14	6	5	6	8	5	5	5
Special .		21	3,959	412	229	19	9	11	10	14	6	10	6	6	5	12	7
Total..	1874...	161	87,610	4,945	4,696	30	11	5	29	2	8	5	10	4	5	5	9
	1873	170	106,274	7,097	5,364	82	0	0	60	0	0	13	9	6	9	11	3

EFFECTS OF REGISTRATION ON LITIGATION.

28. On this subject the Deputy Commissioner, Elichpur, observes as follows :—

" The suits on written obligations include, (I am informed by Mr. Ram Roa Govind) but a small portion on registered documents. Registration is only had when immoveable property above Rupees 100 in value is secured. In other cases it is not generally resorted to, since the people do not think they are put to any loss by not having recourse to registration. Registration indeed renders disposal of suits easy, but renders fraudulent transactions very hard to be detected; and, as already stated, it is often made the means of legalizing fraudulent transactions to evade payment of debts."

While the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, remarks:—

" With reference to the effect of registration on litigation, I would be inclined to look for it in the falling-off of litigation going hand in hand with an increase of con-

" tested cases. This year's results show, if the above is a " correct test, that some progress has been made by re- " gistration.

" But until there is shown to be a steady decline of liti- " gation, I do not think any safe conclusion can be drawn.

" The subjoined statement will show that the percentage " of contested cases has to some extent followed percent- " age of cases on registered bonds:—

Years.	Number of cases.	Percentage contested.	Percentage on registered bonds.
1869	4,371	22	·7
1870	4,705	20	2·
1871	6,462	24	2
1872	4,672	27	2
1873	6,377	29	3
1874	4,381	27	6

" There is I fear little doubt that registration is freely " resorted to by fraudulent debtors."

29. I regret to be obliged to concur in the belief expressed by these officers that registration is often made a cloak for fraudulent transactions. I am not inclined to think that registration has, or ever can have, much effect on litigation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

State of Crime, Statement B—II.

30. There has been a decrease of crime during the year. The total number* of offences reported being 11,952, against 12,336 in the year 1873. The decrease thus amounted to 3·1 per cent., but it has, however, not been general. From the statement given below, it will appear that in the districts of Akola and Basim there was an increase, while in the other four districts there was a decrease, in the number of offences reported. The result being that

* Excluding those struck off the Crime Register.

the reported crime of the province for 1874 was 3·1 per cent. less than in the preceding year:—

Districts.	Offences reported.		Percentage of increase and decrease.
	1873.	1874.	
INCREASE.			
Akola	3,101	3,712	+19·7
Basim	705	735	+4·2
DECREASE.			
Buldana	1,492	1,227	−17·7
Elichpur	1,895	1,722	− 9·1
Oomraottee	3,689	3,286	−10·9
Wun	1,454	1,270	−12·6
Total ...	12,336	11,952	−3·1

Decrease satisfactory.

31. This decrease, it is satisfactory to note, is greater in offences with which the police are competent to deal direct than in non-cognizable offences which are not of a serious character. The following statement shows the cognizable and non-cognizable offences reported during the year, as compared with those for the previous year:—

	Number of cases reported.		Increase in 1874.	Decrease in 1874.
	In 1873.	In 1874.		
COGNIZABLE.				
Akola	1,886	2,238	352	...
Buldana	986	800	...	186
Basim	526	561	35	...
Oomraottee	2,371	2,094	...	277
Elichpur	1,239	1,042	...	197
Wun	807	813	6	...
Total..	7,815	7,548	393	660
NON-COGNIZABLE.				
Akola	1,215	1,474	259	...
Buldana	506	427	...	79
Basim	179	174	...	5
Oomraottee	1,318	1,192	...	126
Elichpur	656	680	24	...
Wun	647	457	...	190
Total...	4,521	4,404	283	400

32. It will thus be seen that the net decrease in cognizable offences was 2·16, and that in non-cognizable offences ·94. The decrease on the whole being in the more serious crimes.

Of the large increase in offences in the Akola district, as compared with the previous year, the Deputy Commissioner reports that the principal increase, amounting to 411 cases, was under Section 34 of the Police Act.

Offences to population.

33. The figures noted on the margin show how far the proportion of offences to population has varied during the past two years.

Districts.	Proportion of offences to population.		Difference.
	In 1873	In 1874	
Akola	1 to 142	1 to 130	+ 12
Buldana	1 to 250	1 to 333	— 83
Basim	1 to 365	1 to 348	+ 17
Oomraotee	1 to 136	1 to 125	— 16
Elichpur	1 to 147	1 to 162	— 15
Wun	1 to 236	1 to 270	— 34
For Province	1 to 180	1 to 186	— 6

Instructions were issued to all District Officers at the close of the year that in dealing with cases of crime in the body of their reports, only such crimes as have been admitted to have occurred should be taken into consideration; in other words cases reported should be held to be only cases that have been found to have actually occurred. This is the principle I find in which the statement of crime submitted by the police department is prepared under the orders of Government.

Cases struck off.

34. From the reports of the several Deputy Commissioners, it appears that the number of cases removed from the register of crime was 1,386, or 10·3 per cent. of the offences reported; and of these, 9·1 per cent. were struck off by orders of the Magistrates before inquiry, while in 1·2 per cent. cases were struck off after inquiry by Magistrates.

Percentage of cases struck off.

The following comparative statement shows for each district the number of cases reported, and the number struck off the

register of offences; the offences admitted to have occurred during the years 1873 and 1874, and the percentage of cases struck off each year:—

Districts.	Offences reported.		Offences struck off.		Offences admitted.		Percentage of cases struck off.	
	In 1873.	In 1874.	In 1873.	In 1874.	In 1873.	In 1874.	In 1873.	In 1874.
Akola ..	3,724	4,205	623	493	3,101	3,712	...	11·7
Buldana ..	1,943	1,681	451	454	1,492	1,227	...	27
Basim ..	784	851	79	116	705	735	...	13·6
Oomraottee ..	...	3,373	...	87	3,089	3,286	..	2·5
Elichpur ..	...	1,882	...	160	1,895	1,722	...	...
Wun... ..	...	1,346	...	76	1,454	1,270	...	5·6
Total .	...	13,338	...	1,386	12,336	11,952	...	10·3

The results vary considerably in different districts. The districts in which the percentage is highest are Buldana, Basim and Akola, and lowest in Oomraottee.

The Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, reports that in every case struck off the register, the permission of the district officer has been obtained before their removal. Instructions have been issued requiring Deputy Commissioners to give closer attention to this subject. The great difference between the figures for Akola and Buldana and those of the remaining districts requires explanation, which will be called for. It is no doubt attributable to the difference in the mode of dealing with offences first reported and then found never to have occurred, though how there should be so great a difference in the results is not apparent. Orders are issuing, with the sanction of the Resident, prescribing an uniform plan for dealing with these cases in future.

35. On this subject the Deputy Commissioner, Oomraottee, reports as follows:—

"It will be seen that during the year 1874 the police "unnecessarily arrested only 12 persons in cases in which "it was afterwards found out that no offence was commit-"ted. The total number of arrests made by the police "*suo motu* was 1,844, and it is certainly creditable that "out of these only 12 were such as were declared to have "been effected without any ground. The police used their "discretionary power under Section 125 in respect of three "persons, and the rest were committed to the Magis-"trates."

The Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, reports as follows:—

"The number of offences refused by the police and struck "off by District Magistrates' orders is 454, against 451 in "1873.

"Of the 454 offences, involving 188 persons, the prosecu-"tion was withdrawn in 375 cases, involving 61 accused by "the police, while 78 cases, with 127 persons, were sent up "for trial to the Magistrate."

"From this it appears that there has been a great im-"provement in the number of arrests where no offence has "been committed, because last year the similar figure was "479 persons."

"I hope the great improvement manifested in this mat-"ter of unnecessary arrests is not a suspiciously favorable "return. For I hold that the character of the arrests "made by the police is the surest of all tests that we can "apply to the police working. Wanton arrests are not so "bad as unrecorded arrests, because the evil being seen "may be remedied; but both are vexatious and oppressive "to the last degree. The detention of persons without "formal arrests is a matter which police officers are in-"clined to condone where their subordinates are success-"ful in detection. In the Belar murder case the Inspector "sent for the accused men as if they were witnesses; de-

"tained them at his pleasure, and did not report their "arrest till one of them committed suicide."

36. There is great truth in the remark made by the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, in regard to the difference between wanton (or hasty) arrests, and unrecorded arrests. As I was led to doubt whether the procedure under Section 118, whereby accused persons were at the pleasure of the police dealt with in the same manner as witnesses, I referred the question to the Resident, who has ruled that in future persons against whom a specific charge has been made can only be arrested under Section 92 Criminal Procedure Code by the police, but cannot be summoned under Section 118. When this rule is observed we shall no doubt see a great change in the results, which may at first startle us, but which will more correctly give us the true state of things than was the case last year.

Classification of offences.

37. The number of offences under each of the classes prescribed by the Imperial Committee for the preparation of judicial statistics is shown in the subjoined statement, also the increase or decrease, as compared with the previous year:—

Class of offence and districts.	1873.	1874.	Increase.	Decrease.
CLASS I.—*Offences against State, Coin, Stamps, &c.*				
Akola	418	846	403	...
Buldana	350	263	...	87
Basim	119	132	13	...
Oomraottee	690	650	...	40
Elichpur	287	322	36	...
Wun	431	231	..	200
Total ..	2,320	2,445	452	327

Class of offence and districts.—(*Concluded.*)	1873.	1874.	Increase.	Decrease.
CLASS II.—*Offences against persons.*				
Akola	1,019	1,194	175	...
Buldana	279	291	12	...
Basim	170	223	53	..
Oomraottee	914	905	...	9
Elichpur	539	533		6
Wun	241	286	45	...
Total ...	3,162	3,432	285	15
CLASS III.—*Offences against property.*				
Akola	1,132	1,362	...	70
Buldana	735	582	...	153
Basim	386	345	...	41
Oomraottee	1,765	1,431	...	334
Elichpur	903	697	..	206
Wun	598	605	7	..
Total ..	5,819	5,022	7	804
CLASS IV.—*Miscellaneous.*				
Akola	207	310	103	...
Buldana	128	91	...	37
Basim	30	35	5	...
Oomraottee	320	300	...	20
Elichpur	166	169	3	...
Wun	184	148	...	36
Total ...	1,035	1,053	111	93
Grand Total ...	12,336	11,952	855	1,239

It will be seen from the above that there is a marked decrease of offences against property—Class III.

Graver offences.

38. The following table will show the comparative number of the serious offences reported in this and in last year:—

	1873.	1874	Increase.	Decrease.
Murder	37	31	...	6
Attempt to murdor	9	12	3	...
Culpable homicide	12	7	...	5
Rape	24	22	...	2
Unnatural offences	6	6	...	...
Dacoitee	14	8	...	6
Robbery	51	33	...	18
House-breaking	1,172	976	...	196
Theft	3,460	2,983	..	477
Kidnapping	2	10	8	...
Total ...	4,787	4,088	11	710

Decrease in graver offences.

It is satisfactory to note that the grave offences with which the police had chiefly to deal have materially decreased, being 338 less than in the previous year, or 7 per cent.

Petty offences.

39. In the minor crimes the most material decrease has been in Class III., and from the remarks of the various officers, it is evident that it is generally in petty crime.

As this is the first report compiled for the province, the task of comparison is attended with some difficulty.

The following table gives the offences against the municipal and special laws:—

	1873.	1874.
Municipal laws, and Act V. of 1861	587	1,693
Excise on spirits and drugs	235	246
Opium	75	98
Stamps	7	18
Post Office	1	7
Jails	1	3
Forest	182	254
Railway Act	14	26
Gaming and lotteries	27	25
Cattle trespass	144	177
Possession of arms	12	20

40. The Deputy Commissioner, Wun, remarks as follows in accounting for the decrease of crime in his district:—

"Notwithstanding the presence of so large a number of "Brinjaras in the district, our record of crime under its "various headings is not fortunately of that extent as to "cause uneasiness. Every district moved by a thousand "hidden influences which it is impossible for us to discover "individually, or often even in the aggregate, and all subject "to variation, according to the times, and seasons, and the "circumstances of each unit of the population, strikes, if "I may so speak, in its normal condition, an average of "crime. In the most plenteous and happiest of years our "record falls perhaps a little below this, as in those of "trouble and distress, it is proportionately swollen."

"Of late we have been prosperous and well to do, and "the general contentedness finds expression in a compa-"ratively light record. Most of such crime as there is is "committed after the close of the rains and before the "crops ripen in September, October and November: that "is just the very season when a large proportion of people "who live from hand to mouth find it most difficult to get "regular employ."

I think there can be no doubt that the very marked fall in prices, especially in the chief staple of food in the Wun district—jowarri—has conduced to the decrease of crime. Jowarri was selling at one time during last year in the Wun district at 60 or 70 seers for the Rupees.

Result of investigation under each class of offence.

41. The following statement shows the number of persons brought to trial under each class of offence during the year; the number convicted, acquitted and discharged, and the number remaining under trial at the close of the year:—

Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial.
Class I.						
Offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures	76	95	26	68	1	...
Offences against public justice.	256	419	73	345	...	1
Offences by public servants ..	51	66	21	45	...	...
False evidence, false complaints or claims and forgery	48	62	25	34	..	3
Public nuisances ..	1,890	3,238	188	3,047	1	2
Relating to public peace ..	117	710	355	355	...	...
Total...	2,415	4,620	688	3,924	2	6
Class II.						
Offences against the person ...	3,433	6,459	4,464	1,951	7	37
Class III.						
Offences against property with violence ...	1,031	546	171	369	...	6
Offences against property without violence	3,342	2,755	724	2,003	17	11
Malicious offences ..	648	922	512	409	...	1
Total. .	5,021	4,223	1,407	2,781	17	18

Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial.
Class IV.						
Miscellaneous [not included in the above classes] ...	1,053	1,601	510	1,086	2	3
Total... 1874...	11,952	16,903	7,069	9,742	28	64
Total... 1873..	13,472	19,732	6,987	12,627	35	83

Appendix No. II, contains a more detailed list of offences classified according to the Sections of the Indian Penal Code, and offences under Local and special laws.

Caste of prisoners, STATEMENT XXXIV.

42. The following statement shows the castes of the persons brought to trial during the year:—

Christians...	11
Jews ...	6
Kunbis ...	5,268
Marwaris ...	545
Brahmins...	622
Mahomedans	2,172
Brinjaras ...	298
Artizans ...	836
Dhers ...	1,860
Ghonds ...	222
Other castes	4,937
Total...	16,771

The Koonbis apparently occupy the most prominent place in this list, but in proportion to the population, the

Mahomedans contribute more largely than they do, the proportion being:—

Koonbis	0·8 per cent.
Mahomedans	1·4 „

Review of offences.

43. I will now review the results of the more striking offences under the classes specified in Statement I.

Coinage.

Of the 26 persons who were tried for offences against coinage, nine belonged to the Elichpur district, seven to Oomraottee, four to Akola, three to Buldana, and three to Wun. Sixteen persons were convicted, and 10 acquitted or discharged. The cases tried do not show that there was any professional uttering prevalent in the province. The convictions were chiefly for passing or possessing bad or altered coin.

Weights and measures.

Of the 69 persons tried for making, using, or possessing false weights and measures, 16 were acquitted or discharged, and 52 were convicted by the Magistrates. Of the latter 15 were of the Buldana district, 15 of Wun, 11 of Oomraottee, 7 of Akola, and 4 of Elichpur.

False information

The number of offences reported for omitting to give information of offence, or giving false information, was 46, involving 59 persons, of whom 52 were convicted, 6 acquitted or discharged, and one remaining under trial at the close of the year.

Public nuisances.

There is an increase of 423 cases under the head of Public Nuisances, as compared with the previous year. More than three-fourths of this increase is in the Akola district. In Oomraottee there is an increase of 151 cases. The other districts have decreased in offences of this nature. The increase is probably owing to instructions issued to Magistrates that each case of nuisance must be shown distinct by itself, and that two or more persons committing separate and independent nuisances cannot be tried under one charge. The Deputy Commissioner of Wun district in referring to the

decrease under this head states that this may mean that people were more obedient and more alive to the terrors of the law, and that it may be attributable also partially to less rigorous supervision. That the number of these cases will always in the main depend upon the degree of rigour with which the provisions of Section 34 and municipal laws are enforced there can I think be no doubt.

Rioting

Taking the figures for the whole province, there was a decrease of crime under "Rioting" and "Affrays."

Murders.

Murders of all kinds have decreased from 37 to 32. Of these, two do not belong to the year. One was committed in Basim district two years ago, a second is said to have been committed 12 years ago in the Oomraottee district, and the third was struck off the Crime Register; so that it may be said that in the year under report there were 29 murders committed, against 37 in 1873.

Of the murders committed 5 remained undetected at the close of the year.

Attempt to murder and culpable homicide

There were 12 cases of attempt to murder, against 9 in the previous year, and of culpable homicide 7 cases, against 12 in the previous year.

Rape.

There was a decrease of 2 cases in the offence of rape. Thirty-eight per cent. of the persons tried were convicted or committed.

Dacoity, robbery, house-breaking, theft.

Dacoity has decreased from 14 to 8 cases, robbery from 51 to 33 cases, house-breaking from 1,172 to 976 cases, and theft from 3,460 to 2,983 cases.

Kidnapping.

Nineteen persons were brought to trial during the year for kidnapping or abduction, of whom 6 were convicted, 10 acquitted or discharged, and 3 transferred.

Brinjaras,
STATEMENT XXIX.

44. Two hundred and sixty-six Brinjaras were brought to trial during the year for offences other than those under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, as detailed in Appendix No. VII. Of the number brought to trial 154, or 61·8 per cent., were convicted.

The remarks on the special police rules by which these people are kept in order, and on their conduct and character generally recorded by the different Magistrates may prove of interest. I therefore record them here.

The Deputy Commissioner, Qomraottee, writes:—

"From what I have personally seen, and from perusal "of these returns, I think the Pass system introduced by "the Inspector General of Police is not much needed, at "least in this district, but as the system, to be successful, "must be carried out everywhere, I would certainly not "recommend its withdrawal."

The Deputy Commissioner, Wun, writes:—

"Statement No. VII. is a special return, showing how "many of the offences of the year, other than under Sec-"tion 188, Indian Penal Code, have been committed by the "Brinjaras. To their credit 66 cases are so placed. In "1873, 73 cases were marked against them in this way. "Little, however, can be argued from simply a slight fall "in totals, but looking to the details of the crime commit-"ted by this class during the two years, the return of 1874 "marks an improvement. I do not know, however, that "the return as given is of much value, unless we go deeper; "though Statement No. VIII. following partially points "to this, and shows whether for their numbers the Brin-"jaras located here contribute proportionally more crimi-"nals than other classes or not; and even if they do, the "question arises are they so criminal a class as to need "exceptional repression. In my opinion, the moral of an "old proverb, give a dog a bad name and hang him, "applies forcibly to these people. And whatever may have "been the necessities of exceptional times, it is a question-"able policy now I think that permits of this race—possessed

" of many manly and excellent qualities - being hampered
" by our police at every turn; a policy which in its broad
" outlines may be described as curtailing the liberty of the
" subject in order to make up for the want of ability in the
" police force to detect crime when it happens to be com-
" mitted. Only recently in trying a Constable placed over
" a 'tandah' who had most shamefully misused his posi-
" tion and authority, to which I drew the Inspector-Gene-
" ral's attention, I had occasion to wonder that despair
" did not drive Brinjaras to more crime than they now
" even commit. In this particular instance the unforta-
" nates could not leave their tandah or camp to seek
" employment to earn their livelihood, and therefore, unless
" they got it in the village where they were, they had to go
" without.

" Of course this was a terrible abuse of the intentions of
" the Government, but it is one of a sort always liable to
" occur in a greater or less degree under the system now
" sanctioned, and practically impossible to check or dis-
" cover, for obvious reasons, till the people affected are
" driven to the verge of despair.

" I am given to understand, however, that the Inspector
" General contemplates some relaxation of the rigour now
" dealt out, of which I am glad; for I believe that in the
" long run people are sooner trained to fidelity by policy
" of trust than the contrary. No Magistrate could desire
" to be more severe and repressive than I am, but then I
" would war *only* against the really bad, not caring what
" inconvenience I put them to. The good and well dis-
" posed I should leave alone. Putting it on the lowest
" grounds, it is true policy to draw the broadest line of
" demarcation possible between our treatment of the sheep
" and the goats, of the good and the evil. And though it
" may be troublesome and irksome to classify those who
" are evil disposed, yet it is a trouble that should be faced,
" rather than following courses, as doubtful in expediency
" as humanity, which prescribe the necessity of worrying
" the numberless well disposed, in order that the few bad
" may be repressed.

Para. 9. "Statement No. VIII. which shows the number of Brinjaras punished during 1874, compared with "1873, and there is a vast improvement. Thus:—

Years.	Cases.	Brinjaras punished.
1873	224	375
1874...	85	116

"Adverting to what I said on the previous Statement No. "VII., the entire population of this district is as follows :—

Brinjaras	14,828
Other people	3,28,184

"Now, during 1874 there came under trial of these:—

Brinjaras	172
Other people	1,615
	1,787

"In other words, 1·2 per cent. of Brinjaras came to trial, "against ·5 per cent. of 'other people.'

"Of those who came to trial again, there were punish-"ed:—

Brinjaras	116
Other people	1,031
	1,147

"That is, out of the Brinjaras brought up, only 67·4 per "cent were convicted and punished, against 62 per cent. "of 'other people."

"Now putting these two results together, we see that "proportionately speaking twice as many Brinjaras were "arrested as 'other people.' Although the percentage "in each class subsequently respectively found guilty is "very nearly equal, *e. g.*, the Brinjaras amongst the police "have really a worse name than they deserve; and the "moral that I drew from a proverb quoted in my last "paragraph, written before I had thought of working out

" these results, would appear to apply. I do not deny for
" a moment that the Brinjara criminals are probably worse
" and more difficult to deal with than those contributed by
" any other class. I believe they are, but even if this be
" the case, it argues only a superiority of vigour innate in
" the race, which in its out crop in either extreme; good or
" bad, is likely to out-top whatever emanates from those
" others we are comparing them with. This superiority
" of innate vigour may demand special measures against
" the known criminals of the race, but it cannot justify
" the whole race, and a gallant race too, being subjected
" to an espionage most galling, in some respects worse
" than slavery.

" Since writing this it struck me to enquire what pro-
" portions were severely punished out of the numbers con-
" victed in each class, and it seems that out of 116 Brin-
" jaras 49 were imprisoned, while, out of 1,031 'other
" people' 104 were so. Proportionately, then, of those
" punished, 42 per cent. of Brinjarás were so *severely* (for
" purpose of comparison taking imprisonment of all kinds
" to mean severe punishment) against 10 per cent. of
" 'other people': this but bears out what I have said as to
" the character of the criminals of the respective classes.

Para. 17. * * * *

" I would note in conclusion one very marked and bene-
" ficial result of our rule here in reference to the Brinjaras.
" The institution of the Bhagat—the diviners and sorcerers—
" whose capricious averments, working on the densest
" credulity, were responsible for much, if not all, of the
" most heinous crimes committed by this people, is not so
" well filled as it used to be in years past. Some of the
" chief Brinjaras whom I saw lately told me that there
" were now two only in the whole country hereabouts who
" had once practiced, and were proficient in the art, but
" who of late have retired into private life. Whereas a few
" years ago when I was Assistant in charge here, I knew
" of many believed to be in full professional swing. In
" time, then, as the people get accustomed to the disuse of
" the office, a conviction of its absurdity and uselessness

" will probably grow upon them, and they will come to
" wonder that they ever believed in it all.

" The Naiks still maintain all the position and authority
" that has come down to them from their fathers, and if
" at times they exercise their funcions with roughness, they
" mete out at least what is acceptable to their kinsmen,
" and save us a great deal of trouble. It is for the advan-
" tage of Government, then, that reverence for, and subjec-
" tion to, their office should long continue. Till lately such
" a thing as questioning the final decision of the highest
" 'Naiks' of all was never heard of, but in a curious case at
" Pahore in Darwa our Civil Court was applied to. The
" dispute involved succession to the priesthood, and the
" division of the spoils, not inconsiderable, of a certain
" temple erected over a Brinjara, known as Sewah Bhai,
" who had acquired a saintly reputation, and whose name
" now stands as an oath, the most binding and sacred that
" a Brinjara can take.

Deputy Commissioner, Akola, para. 63.

" Statements Nos. 7 and 8 show the offences committed
" by Brinjaras, and the punishments inflicted on them The
" offences are all ordinary ones, and call for no special re-
" mark."

Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, paras. 42 and 43.

" In my last report I wrote at some length about these
" tandas, and have only now to add that they have retain-
" ed the good character they have always borne in this
" district during the year: out of nearly a hundred tandas
" or encampments, there have been but 14 convictions, and
" these were for such petty offences that no punishment
" inflicted has exceeded six months imprisoment.

" Para. 13. I cannot give the chullan system any credit
" for this state of things, because in this district Brin-
" jaras never have been troublesome. The late District
" Superintendent, concurring with me, has more than once
" condemned so heroic a treatment where there is no dis-
" ease as the chullan system is in this district.

" In forwarding, or rather in returning, the District Su-
" perintendent's list of tandas for exemption from the sys-
" tem, that he might submit it to the Inspector General,
" I recorded my opinion that the system ought only to be
" put in force for those tandas some of whose members
" had been convicted of crime. This recommendation,
" however, had no effect, and tandas of less than five years'
" residence in the district, no matter how good their cha-
" racter may be, are treated as if they belonged to a
" criminal class."

Assistant Commissioner in charge, Basim, para. 112.

" The Brinjaras are, next to the Mahars, the best behaved
" in the district, the percentage of convictions to popula-
" tion being ·19."

There are no Brinjaras in the Elichpur district.

45. It cannot but appear strange, when the Magistrates are so unanimous in speaking up for this race, many of the Magistrates expressly stating that they think the measures now in force unnecessary that the present system should be maintained. Stranger still does it appear to me that the system should have been introduced without, so far as any records to which I have access show, the opinion of the Magistrates having ever been asked or taken.

I believe there is something in the theory advanced by Captain Mackenzie regarding the decreased influence of the Bhuggats having changed in a measure the proneness of the Brinjaras to engage in desperate crime.

Captain FitzGerald remarks that :—" By signs which are
" very apparent to me, I came to the conclusion that the
" Brinjaras in this district have, doubtless influenced by
" this case, taken a long step in the direction of coming to
" our Courts for redress, even on such delicate matters as
" bigamy and adultery." The case referred to will be found mentioned in Captain FitzGerald's Report.

The present police system might have been defended in 1863, when we had an inefficient police force and imperfect supervision, but now it is, in my opinion, quite indefensible.

Cases desposed of by Deputy Commissioners, under Sec. 36, Act X. of 1872.

46. The annexed statement shows the criminal work disposed of by the Deputy Commissioner of each district during the year, under Section 36 of Act X. of 1872:—

Districts.	Total number of cases tried	Total number of persons tried.	Convicted.		Discharged in the foregoing cases	Acquitted or discharged	
			Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Akola ...	82	71	8	14	...	21	60
Buldana ..	30	75	17	12	...	13	33
Basim ...	15	25	8	15	..	7	10
Oomraottee ...	30	45	19	26	5	11	14
Elichpur ...	9	15	3	8	...	6	7
Wun ...	19	28	11	13	...	8	15
Total...	185	262	66	118	5	69	139

Of the number of cases tried by Deputy Commissioners under this Section, the sentences passed on 19 persons for upwards of 3 years were referred to my Court for confirmation with the following results:—

Districts.	No. of persons referred.	Number of persons whose sentences were			Pending.
		Confirmed	Modified.	Committed.	
Akola	7	2	1	3	1
Buldana	2	2	...	...	...
Basim	2	2	...	...	...
Oomraottee	1	1	...	...	...
Elichpur	...	...	...	...	...
Wun	7	3	...	3	1
Total. .	19	10	1	6	2

Working of the Courts.

47. The total number of persons brought to trial before the magistracy of the province was 16,897, against 19,732 in the pre-

vious year. Of the 16,897 persons brought to trial 16,799 were disposed of during the year, the rest (98) remaining under trial.

Cognizable offences.

48. The following table shows the results of trials separately in cognizable and non-cognizable offences for each district:—

Districts.		Persons brought to trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Pending.
COGNIZABLE.						
Akola		2,433	646	1,760	1	26
Buldana		811	238	562	...	11
Basim		638	199	434	...	5
Oomraottee		2,549	579	1,930	4	36
Elichpur		1,019	189	812	15	3
Wun		972	289	677	1	5
Total...	1874.	8,422	2,140	6,175	21	86
	1873.	10,467	...	...	...	...
NON-COGNIZABLE.						
Akola		2,882	1,870	1,002	1	9
Buldana		654	325	329	...	...
Basim		338	181	157	...	...
Oomraottee		2,113	1,243	1,167	...	3
Elichpur		1,373	955	414	4	...
Wun		815	343	470	2	...
Total...	1874.	8,475	4,917	3,539	7	12
	1873.	9,265	...	...	...	...

Proportion of crime to population in cognizable and non-cognizable offences

49. The proportion of crime to population in cognizable and non-cognizable offences separately for each district is as follows:—

	Cognizable.	Non-Cognizable.
Akola	1 to 197	1 to 167
Buldana	1 to 451	1 to 559
Basim	1 to 400	1 to 761
Oomraottee	1 to 191	1 to 208
Elichpur	1 to 274	1 to 203
Wun	1 to 353	1 to 421
For Province	1 to 264	1 to 263

Proportion of persons convicted to persons brought to trial.

50. The percentage of persons convicted of cognizable and non-cognizable offences for each district is as shown below:—

Districts.	Cognizable.		Non-Cognizable.	
	Conviction.	Percentage.	Conviction.	Percentage
Akola	1,760	72	1,002	38
Buldana ...	562	69	329	50
Basim ...	434	67	157	46
Oomraottee ...	1,930	76	1,167	48
Elichpur ..	812	79	414	30
Wun	677	68	470	57

These figures show that in non-cognizable cases, the Magistracy do not sufficiently exercise the power vested in them under Section 147, Criminal Procedure Code, and dismiss the complaints.

The Deputy Commissioner, Oomraottee, on this subject remarks as follows:—

"In non-cognizable cases there is an increase in acquittals: "it is not to be expected that the people will discover the "line which exists between civil and criminal causes of "action, or that they will acknowledge it, if to do so pre-"vents their applying to a criminal, instead of a civil tri-"bunal."

"So prosecutions before a Magistrate take the place of "suits in a Civil Court; and there is also a tendency to "run to the former on the smallest provocation."

Quite overlooking the fact that complaints of the nature he refers to should at once be dismissed under the Section above quoted. The review of last year's Report came to hand too late to allow of any action being taken on the Resident's remarks on this subject during the last year.

51. The proportion of persons convicted to persons brought to trial is for the province:—

In cognizable offences	73	per cent.
In non-cognizable offences	41	„

Offenders how came before the Court.

The following figures show how the offenders who were brought to trial came before the Courts:—

From previous year	26
Under arrest by police	7,834
Upon Magistrates warrants	733
On summons	7,667
Voluntarily	619
By transfer	139
Total ...	17,018

Manner in which persons for disposal were dealt with.

The manner in which the persons for disposal during the last two years were dealt with will be gathered from the following statement:—

	1873.	Percentage.	1874.	Percentage.
Discharged without trial ...	3,170	15	2,431	14
Acquitted	3,817	19	4,626	27
Convicted	12,627	63	9,714	57
Committed or referred ...	87	0·4	55	0·3
Died, escaped, or transferred...	171	0·8	133	0·8
Remaining at the close of the year...	26	0·1	59	0·3
Total ...	19,889	...	17,018	...

The proportion of persons dismissed without trial has decreased by one per cent., and this is satisfactory, as due to greater judgment in arrests on the part of the police, and in the issue of processes by the Courts.

52. The percentage of persons acquitted is more than that of last year, and is followed by a considerable decrease (6 per cent.) in convictions.

The following districts show the highest percentages of convictions:—

Basim	66·
Oomraottee	62·
Wun	62·

Nothing much can be gathered from these figures, which are affected chiefly by the judgment and idiosyncrasies of different Magistrates. Some Magistrates are easier to satisfy than others in the matter of the guilt of the accused.

Police. Statement XXXV.

53. The total strength of the police, both regular and village, during the year, was as follows:—

Regular Police.

Officers	389	
Constables	2,241	
		2,630
Village Police		5,117
Total...		7,717

Proportion of Police to area and population.

The proportion of all Police to area and population of each district was as follows:—

	Area.	Population.
Akola	1 to 2·4 sq. miles.	1 to 314
Buldana	1 to 1·9 „	1 to 255
Basim	1 to 2·6 „	1 to 297
Oomraottee	1 to 1·6 „	1 to 283
Elichpur	1 to 2·3 „	1 to 247
Wun	1 to 4·0 „	1 to 328
For Province...	1 to 2·4 „	1 to 288

I am not quite sure how far this information should find a place in this report, but as it was given for the previous year, and has been given by the Deputy Commissioners for 1874, I have here entered it, though, as I have not seen the Police Reports, I cannot be responsible for its correctness.

Offences remaining undetected.

54. The police failed to make arrests in 2,209 offences, against 2,237 in the previous year, as shown below for each district:—

	1873.	1874.
Akola	481	502
Buldana	209	236
Basim	151	208
Oomraotee	775	686
Elichpur	396	299
Wun	225	278
Total...	2,237	2,209

Property stolen, Statement XXXI.

55. The total estimated value of all the property stolen in 1874 amounted to Rupees 1,55,796, or Rupees 52,394 less than the amount in 1873. The figures for the various districts in 1873 and 1874 were as follows:—

Districts.	Amount of property stolen.		Amount of stolen property recovered.		Percentage of stolen property recovered.	
	1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.
Akola	50,851	44,399	18,105	43,450	35·0	52·13
Buldana ...	56,438	19,862	41,736	6,807	72 2	34·4
Bassim	10,742	10,328	3,671	2,148	34·2	20·12
Oomraottee ...	47,669	43,028	13,108	15,052	27·7	34·15
Elichpur ...	18,583	17 843	5,013	8,071	26·15	45·3
Wun	23,906	20,336	7,895	6,358	33·0	31·4
Total ...	2,08,190	1,55,796	89,530	61,886	41·4	39·11

It thus appears that the proportion of the stolen property recovered in 1874 was 39·7, or 1·5 per cent. less than in 1873. Nearly 53 per cent. of the property stolen in the Akola district was recovered, and the proportion re-

covered in the Elichpur and Oomraottee districts was also high. In the other districts there was a falling-off in 1874.

The percentages of last year were affected by a lucky haul of the police in the Buldana district. This year Buldana stands fourth on the list.

Suicides and accidental deaths. Statement XXXIII.

56. The following statement shows the suicides and accidental deaths reported during the year:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Suicides.				
By Drowning	38	48	2	88
„ Hanging	5	1	2	8
„ Poison	9	6	2	17
„ Other means	9	...	2	11
Total ..	61	55	8	124
Accidental deaths.				
By Drowning in wells	76	107	57	240
„ Drowning in rivers or tanks ...	55	34	29	118
„ Burning	10	21	14	45
„ Lightning	36	8	4	48
„ Strokes of sun or wind	25	20	8	53
„ Wild beasts	79	44	28	151
„ Land slips or walls falling... ...	7	10	11	28
„ Other causes	128	54	53	235
Total ...	416	298	204	918

Work performed by each Magistrate. Statement XXV.

57. A statement showing the work performed by each Magistrate in the province during the year is given in the Appendix, and the following statistics

will throw some light on the distribution of the magisterial business:—

		Cases.	Persons under trial.	Witnesses who attended.
6	Unpaid Magistrates, *i. e.*, special Magistrates	877	1,396	1,639
40	Local and Sub-paid Magistrates, *i. e.*, Extra Assistant Commissioners, Tehsildars and Naib-Tehsildars, exercising 2nd and 3rd Class powers	7,261	13,173	22,992
14	Full power Magistrates of general jurisdiction, *i. e.*, Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners	1,141	1,772	4,363
6	Chief Magistrates of districts, *i. e.*, Deputy Commissioners	383	677	1,861
	Total ...	9,662	17,018	30,855

From the above it appears that each unpaid Magistrate on an average disposed of 146 cases, and examined 273 witnesses. Each paid subordinate Magistrate tried on an average 181 cases, and examined 574 witnesses, while the first class Magistrates, other than Deputy Commissioners, tried on an average 81 cases, and examined 311 witnesses, and each Magistrate of district tried 64 cases and examined 310 witnesses.

The importance or intricacy of the cases tried is gauged by the number of witnesses examined in each case. The number, it will be observed, increases by one to each from the lowest to the highest Court.

Number.		Discharged.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
6	Special Magistrates	91	295	995	...
36	Tehsildars and Naib-Tehsildars ...	1,759	3,925	7,008	13
18	Assistant, and Extra Assistant Commissioners	395	310	1,344	30
6	Deputy Commissioners	186	66	367	12
	Total ...	2,431	4,626	9,714	55

58. Of the persons under trial, 16,771 were disposed of as shown in the margin by each class of tribunal.

More than 75 per cent. were disposed of by Tehsildars; and considering the various revenue and other executive duties which demand their attention, the share of criminal business which develved on these officials was large, though of course it was of a trivial character only.

Special Magistrates.

59. The number of persons disposed of by each of the special or unpaid Magistrates during the year is shown to be as follows:—

Names of special Magistrates.	Number of persons.	Average duration.
1. Jan Roo Ramchundra (since dead)	78	1
2. Hanmunth Jaiwant	169	6
3. Kwaja Mahomed	131	1
4. Venkat Rao	113	4
5. Trimbak Prabukar	32	1
6. Bakur Ali	481	2
7. Bhugwant Nurhar	396	1
Total... ...	1,400	...

In the death of Jan Rao Ramchander we lost an intelligent Honorary Magistrate.

Pending cases.

60. The cases pending at the close of 1874 were not numerous on the whole, there being only 26 undisposed out of 9,814, but that 18 out of them should have been of one district is somewhat remarkable.

Average duration of cases.

61. The average duration of cases in Magisterial Courts has improved in all the districts, as will be seen from the following figures:—

	1873.	1874.
Akola	5·6	3
Buldana	2·9	3
Basim	5·	3
Oomraottee	4·	3
Elichpur	4·6	2
Wun	4·	2
For Province	4·3	2·6

Attendance of witnesses. Statement XXX.

62. Witnesses 30,855, or 755 less than 1873, attended the Magisterial Courts throughout the province during the year. Of these, the great majority 27,379 were dismissed on the first day, while 2,704 were detained for 2 days, 579 for 3 days, 107 for 4 days, 40 for 5 days, and 39 from 8 to 10 days. Of the latter, the Buldana district was responsible for 21, Oomraottee for 17, and Akola for 1.

These figures would not appear to call for any remark. I am not at all sure that the figures given represent the true state of affairs, though I have no reason to believe that there is any unnecessary detention of witnesses. The Belar murder case, which resulted in a very lengthy trial, was no doubt answerable for the lengthened detention of the witnesses in the Buldana district.

Punishments by Magistrates. Statement B.-IV.

63. The total number of persons punished was 9,630, being 29·4 per cent. less than the number for the previous year.

The following table shows the punishments inflicted by the Magisterial Courts during 1874 and the previous year, with percentage in each class:—

	1873.	Per cent.	1874.	Per cent.
Imprisoned...	1,651	13·2	1,297	13·5
Flogged	679	5·4	537	5·6
Fined	10,144	81·4	7,796	80·9
Total ..	12,474	..	9,630	...

Imprisonment.

The number of persons imprisoned has increased by 0·3 per cent. Of the total number punished 12·4 per cent. were punished with simple imprisonment, as shown below:—

Rigorous imprisonment	1,136
Simple do.	161
Total number punished ...	1,297

Solitary confinement.

Of the 1,136 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, 28, or 2·1 per cent., were punished with solitary confinement. The proportion last year was 5·6 per cent.

Details of imprisonment.

The various periods of punishments inflicted were as under:—

	Rigorous.	Simple.
Not exceeding 15 days	531	195
Do. 6 months	1,034	100
Do. 2 years	205	1
Do. 7 years	47	
Total ..	1,817	296

The total number of persons whipped during the year was 537, against 679 for the previous year, or 20·7 per cent. less.

The particulars of persons flogged are given below, and compared with the figures for the previous year:—

	1873	1874
Up to 10 stripes ...	81	79
Up to 20 do. ...	146	104
Up to 30 do. ...	183	155
Up to 40 do. ...	82	115
Up to 50 do. ...	157	47
Up to 100 do. ...	28	37
Up to 150 do. ...	2	...
Total ...	679	537

Of the 537 persons flogged, 61 were whipped in addition to other punishment, and 476 in lieu of other punishment.

Fines.

64. The total number of persons fined during the year was 7,796, against 10,141 during the previous year.

The particulars of fines inflicted during the two years are given below:—

	1873.	1874.
Rupees 10 and under ...	8,902	6,731
Do. 50 do. ...	1,122	945
Do. 100 do. ...	74	86
Do. 500 do. ...	60	55
Do. 1,000 do. ...	5	...
Above Rupees 1,000 ...	...	...
Total ...	10,163	7,817

Of the number of persons fined, 755 were with imprisonment, and 7,044 were fined only.

Rupees 51,728 were realized on account of fines during the year, against 67,028 in the previous year.

The following statement shows the average fine imposed per head, and the percentage of fines realized in each district during the years 1873 and 1874:—

	1873.				1874.			
	Average amount of fine per head.			Percentage of fine realized.	Average amount of fine per head.			Percentage of fine realized.
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	
Akola	8	0	0	96	5	0	0	91
Buldana	8	0	0	79	11	0	0	82
Basim	5	0	0	90	8	0	0	69
Oomraottee	5	0	0	82	7	0	0	81
Elichpur	7	0	0	82	9	0	0	91
Wun	13	0	0	75	15	0	0	76
Total ..	8	0	0	80	9	0	0	81

Statement XXXII.

65. An account current of fines is below given, from which it will be seen that an amount equalling 81 per cent. of the fines imposed during the year was realized. In 1873 the realizations amounted to 80 per cent.

It would seem that in 20 per cent. of the instances in which fines were inflicted, the fines demanded were too high in proportion to the capability of the persons fined to pay.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Outstanding at the close of 1873 ...	87,767	9	6	Realized during the year ...	56,408	3	7
				Relinquished or refunded ...	4,301	5	0
Imposed during the year ...	66,287	5	0	Outstanding at the close of 1874 ...	93,345	6	3
Total ...	154,054	0	0	Total ...	154,054	14	10

Preventive jurisdiction how exercised.

The annexed table shows at a glance the statistics of the preventive jurisdiction of Magistrates for the province:—

	1873.	1874.
Security or recognizance to keep the peace, Chapter XXXVII., Criminal Procedure Code ..	13	11
Security for good behaviour, Chapter XXXVII. ...	106	59
Maintenance, Chapter XLI.	8	11
Total ...	127	81

Security or recognizance to keep the peace was taken chiefly in the Elichpur district.

Appeals to Magistrates. Statement B.-V.

66. The number of appeals preferred to Magistrates has increased from 206 in 1873 to 218 in 1874.

The result of appeals was as follows;—

Rejected on perusal of petition of appeal, or on technical grounds ...	22
Sentences confirmed	83
Do. modified	36
Do. reversed	74
Cases referred for revision to High Court	2
Pending	1
Total ...	218

Percentage of appeals reversed.

The following table shows the percentage of appeals reversed by Deputy Commissioners:—

Districts.	Cases disposed of.	Persons.		
		Whose appeals were disposed of.	Whose sentences were reversed.	Percentage of reversals.
Akola	36	29	10	34·5
Buldana	13	9	4	44·4
Basim	26	23	10	43·5
Oomraottee	71	71	27	38·
Elichpur	44	38	11	29·
Wun	28	23	12	52·2

It will thus be seen that the percentage of reversals was the highest in the Wun district.

The average percentage of reversals for the province is 38·3, as compared with 30 last year.

The heaviest amount of appellate work during the year has fallen upon the Deputy Commissioner of Oomraottee.

The average duration of appeals is 8·4.

67. There were more appeals to Deputy Commissioners in 1874 than in the previous year, being 218, against 206; the results of which, as compared with the previous year, are tabulated below:—

	1873.	Percentage.	1874.	Percentage.
Number of appellants...	206	...	218	...
Rejected	2	1·	22	10·1
Dismissed	104	51·7	83	38·2
Successful (wholly or partly)	95	47·2	112	51·6
Pending	5	...	1	...

There is a decrease in dismissals; and the percentage of success has risen from 47·2 to 51·6.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner's Court.

68. Forty-two persons preferred appeals to my Court, and the results, as compared with 1873, were as follows:—

	1873.	1874.
Remaining from previous year...	1	...
Instituted during the year	19	42
Total...	20	42
Of which,		
Appeals rejected	...	20
Sentences confirmed	12	4
Sentences modified	3	1
Sentences reversed	5	16
Further enquiry or evidence ordered	...	1
Total for disposal...	20	42

The percentage of sentences reversed was 38, against 25 in the previous year, and was highest in cases from:—

Akola district	... ...	37·5 per cent.
Elichpur „	... ...	25· „
Buldana „	... ...	25· „

Duration of these appeals.

The average duration in the disposal of these appeals was 12 days, or a day less than in 1873.

69. The procedure enjoined by Section 279 of Act X. of 1872 of giving notice to the Magistrate of the district from which appeals were preferred was strictly carried out in my Court, but in no case did any one appear to support the conviction when the appeals came on for hearing before me.

Session Court's business.

Statement No. XXXVI. in the Appendix shows the number of persons committed to my Court of Session for trial during

the year, including those remaining from the previous year, with the results of their trials.

Persons committed.

70. There were 43 persons, or 12 less than in the previous year, committed to my Court, charged with the following offences:—

Murder	34	persons.
Culpable homicide	3	,,
Attempt of murder	5	,,
Dacoity with murder	1	,,
Total ...	43	,,
Pending at the close of last year	1	,,
Total ...	44	,,

Result of trials.

The following is the general result of the trials:—

Charge withdrawn under Section 61, Criminal Procedure Code	4
Acquitted	8
Convicted	28
Total disposed ...	40
Pending	4
Total ...	44

The percentage of persons convicted was 66·6.

Persons punished.

71. The number of persons punished by the Session Court during the year and the class of punishment inflicted, are as follows:—

Sentenced to death	10
Sentenced to imprisonment	18
Total ...	28

Imprisonment

Of the persons imprisoned there were:—

Transportation for life			...	9
Do.	to imprisonment for	10 years	...	3
Do	do.	7 ,,	...	2
Do	do	3 ,,	.	1
Do.	do	1 ,,	...	2
Do	do	9 months	...	1

Fine was imposed on 2 persons along with sentence of imprisonment.

Death.

Out of the 10 sentences of death referred to the Resident as High Court, 9 were confirmed, and one was modified.

Assessors.
Statement B. XI

72. Assessors were employed in 24 out of the 27 cases disposed of. Of the remaining three cases, charges were withdrawn in two cases; and in the 3rd case, the accused pleaded guilty, and thereby obviated the use of Assessors.

In 22 cases the Judge agreed with the Assessors, and in 2 only he differed.

The great majority of the Assessors are drawn from the banking and trading classes.

Duration of cases

The average number of days occupied in the trial of committed persons was 41 in 1874.

GENERAL REMARKS.

73. The result of my inspections of the different Courts, as well as of the cases, criminal and civil, which have come before me in appeal, lead me to believe that the Magistrates and Civil Judges as a rule work honestly and well, and that the procedure prescribed is fairly observed.

The Deputy Commissioners as a rule speak well of their Assistants and Tehsildars. The statistics show, I think, that we may congratulate ourselves on a diminu-

tion of crime, and the punctual disposal of all work brought before the Courts.

It is not, I believe, desired that in reports of this nature the qualifications of officers should be discussed, and I therefore refrain from naming any one in particular.

74. In conclusion, I desire again to mention Mr. Stacey, my head Clerk, who still maintains his high character for integrity, industry, and intelligence.

My acknowledgments are also due to my Clerk of Court Mr. Bhaskar Sakkaram and his Assistant, Mr. Krishnaji Hurri, who have been of the greatest assistance to me in tabulating all the information required for this report in the prescribed form. The delay in submitting the report is greater than I could have wished, but it has been the first year of starting the Judicial Commissioner's Office: the work in the matter of preparing statements and the like has in no way decreased, but rather increased; while the strength of my establishment is very much less than that formerly allowed to the Commissioner of the West Berar Division. In future years, it is hoped, as the Clerks gain experience, the labor inseparable from the preparation of the returns will come easier to them.

I have, &c.,

J. G. BELL,

Offg. Judicial Commissioner,

Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL.—No.

Statement showing the various Judicial Tribunals, Original
tricts, on the last

Classes of tribunals distinguishing those which exercise powers in one department, from those exercising powers in two or three departments, and those consisting of paid, from unpaid Judges.	Number of Judicial divisions.	Average area of each division in square mile.	Average population of each division.	Number of tribunals.	Constitution of tribunals: standing number of Judges in each, and Jury or Assessors if any.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Local and Subordinate Magistrates, exercising criminal powers only. Paid...	6	3,052	371,217	19	
Do. Unpaid ...	7	Not obtainable.	Not obtainable.	7	
Small Cause Courts confined to proper functions	1	Do.	127,667	2	
Do. invested also with Criminal powers	2	Do.	Not obtainable.	2	
Magistrate of the 2nd and 3rd Classes, exercising Civil and Criminal powers.	6	3,052	371,217	21	
Magistrates of the 1st Class, exercising Civil and Criminal powers	6	3,052	371,217	12	
Magistrates of the district exercising Civil, Criminal and Revenue powers, also the powers described by Section 36 of Act X. of 1872	6	3,052	371,217	6	
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	1	18,315	2,237,307	1	A single Judge presides over each Court. Jury or Assessors not employed.
Resident's Sadr Court	1	18,315	2,237,306	1	

B.—I.

and Appellate, existing in the Haidarabad Assigned Dis-
day of the year 1874.

Judicial powers of each tribunal Original and Appellate.	Prescribed qualifications of Judges previous to appointment.
7	8
Each Judge had powers of a Magistrate of the 3rd Class, under the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Each Judge is required to pass the examination prescribed for Naib-Tahsildars.
Do.	
One Judge had power to hear suits up to Rs. 1,000, and the other is the Registrar of the Court, who had been invested with power to hear suits up to Rs. 20 in value.	Do.
Each of these Judges had powers to hear suits up to Rs. 500 in value. They also exercise the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st Class, under Criminal Procedure Code	Do.
Each Judge had powers of a Magistrate of the 2nd and 3rd Classes, under Code of Criminal Procedure, and also powers to try Original Civil cases from Rs. 50 to Rs. 300 in value...	Each of the 2nd Class Magistrates is required to pass the Departmental Lower Standard examination.
In addition to the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st Class, under Code of Criminal Procedure, each of these Judges can hear Civil suits up to Rs. 5,000 in value ...	Each Judge is required to pass the Departmental Higher Standard examination.
In addition to the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st Class, these officers hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of 2nd and 3rd Classes, and are also invested with special powers under Section 36 Code of Criminal Procedure. On Civil side, they can try up to any value and hear appeals from decisions of the Courts having jurisdiction up to Rs. 1,000	Do.
Sessions, and Civil, and Criminal Appellate Judge ...	... ...
Chief Appellate Court in Criminal and Civil Cases ...	... ...

IMPERIAL.—No.

Statement showing the various Judicial Tribunals, Original
tricts, on the last

Classes of tribunals distinguishing those which exercise powers in one department, from those exercising powers in two or three departments, and those consisting of paid, from unpaid Judges.	Total number of Judges. European. Covenanted.	Commissioned Military Officers.	Uncovenanted.	Native.	Average annual salary of each paid Judge. European.	Native.	Total cost of Tribunals. Rs.	A.	P.
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Local and Subordinate Magistrates exercising Criminal powers only. Paid	...	...	...	19	...	796-10-8	Cost included in Courts of Magistrate shown below.		
Do. Unpaid	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts confined to proper functions	...	1	...	1	10,800-0-0	2,400-0-0	18,936	10	6
Do. invested also with Criminal powers	...	1	1	...	9,600-0-0	...	29,768	10	4
Magistrates of the 2nd and 3rd Classes, exercising Civil and Criminal powers	...	...	...	21	...	2,138-1-6	1,92,877-3-6		
Magistrates of the 1st Class, exercising Civil and Criminal powers	...	2	5	5	6,497-11-11	5,080-12-9			
Magistrates of the districts, exercising Civil, Criminal and Revenue powers, also the powers described by Sections 36 of Act X. of 1872	...	5	1	...	16,846-0-11	...			
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	...	1	...	...	27,000	...	38,400	...	...
Resident's Sadr Court	...	1	...	...	...	...	4,200	...	...

N. B.—A Judicial Division is held to be a district, except in the case

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

B.—I.—(*Concluded.*)

and Appellate, existing in the Haidarabad Assigned Dis-
day of the year 1874.

Net receipts from stamps.			Executive, or other functions exercised by the same Officer	Average number of days in the year devoted to Judicial work.	Average number of advocates attached to each tribunal.	Number of cases decided during the year.				Remarks.
						Criminal.	Civil.	Revenue.	Appeal, Civil and Criminal only.	
16			17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
RS.	A.	P.								
			Revenue and account work of a taluka.	218	...	3,636	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	201	...	877	...	...	...	One Honorary Magistrate died during the year.
22,427	11	0	...	221	...	...	2,312	...	...	
27, 44	5	0	...	215	...	14	3,272	...	...	
2,03,056-11-6			Revenue and account work of a taluka. These officers are also Sub-Registrars in their respective talukas.	288	...	3,625	11,709	...	...	
			Two of these are Treasury officers: the rest are in charge of talukas. They are Assistant and Extra Assistant, Commissioners.	228	...	1,127	3,712	...	...	
			These officers are Deputy Commissioners, with one exception, invested with administrative charge of districts.	271	...	383	133	...	533	
6,125	0	0	...	285	...	27	...	...	193	
3,266	15	0	Resident at the Court of H. H. the Nizam.	285	...	...	...	...	54	

of Honorary Magistrates and Small Cause Courts.

J. G. BELL,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL No. B.—II.

Statement of offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted, for each offence in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

Indian Penal Code.	Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
	CLASS I.							
	OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE.							
121	Waging war against the Queen	...	...	...	...	...	...	
122-123	Collecting arms or concealing, attempt to wage war	...	...	...	...	...	...	
125 to 127	War or depredation on allied Powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	
131-132	Abetment of mutiny	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	RELATING TO COIN, STAMPS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.							
231 to 238	Counterfeiting Coin	...	...	...	...	...	...	
246 to 249	Diminishing or altering Coin	3	4	1	3	...	...	
239 to 243 and 250 to 254	Passing or possessing bad or altered Coin	19	22	9	13	...	...	
255 to 259	Counterfeiting Stamps or selling same	...	...	...	...	...	...	
260 to 263	Using as genuine counterfeit stamps, or effacing or altering same ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
264 to 267	Making, using, or possessing false weights or measures	54	69	16	52	1	...	
	Total ...	76	95	26	68	1	...	

	Against Public Justice.						
140, 170-171	Personating public servant or soldier	7	6	1	5	...	...
118 to 120	Concealing design to commit offence	7	7	2	5	...	...
176, 177, 181, 182, 202-203	Omitting to give information of offence, or giving false information ...	46	59	6	52	...	1
201 to 204	Causing disappearance of evidence	1	5	3	2	...	...
183 to 187, 189-190 ...	Resisting, obstructing, or omitting to assist public servant ...	43	75	29	46	...	...
188	Disobedience of lawful order, causing injury	47	118	22	96	...	...
228	Intentional insult or interruption in Judicial Proceeding ...	14	14	1	13	...	...
212-216	Harbouring an offender	...	...	...	...	...	...
213 to 215	Taking gift to screen offender	7	14	1	13	...	...
224, 225	Resistance to lawful apprehension and rescue...	7	9	1	8	...	...
224-226	Escape from lawful custody or transportation...	12	7	...	7	...	...
172-175 and 178 to 180 ...	Absconding from, avoiding, or disobeying summons or notice, or order to attend, or produce, or refusing to answer or sign ...	65	105	7	98	...	...
C. P. 354	Failure to attend as Juror or Assessor	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	256	419	73	345	...	1
	By Public Servant.						
161-165	Taking valuable thing by, or to influence, public servant... ...	19	22	13	9	...	...
166, 167	Public servant acting illegally to injure any person	2	4	1	3	...	...
168, 169	Do. unlawfully trading	...	...	...	...	...	...
217, 218	Do. fraudulently defeating punishment or forfeiture	4	7	2	5	...	...
219, 220	Do. wilfully making order or decision contrary to law ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
221, 222	Do. intentionally omitting to apprehend, or permitting to escape	2	3	...	3	...	...
129-223	Do. negligently suffering escape	8	12	2	10	...	...
29 of Police Act. ...	Breach of Police Act by Police Officers	16	18	3	15	...	...
	Total ...	51	66	21	45	...	...
	False Evidence, False Complaints or Claims, and Forgery.						
193 to 196	Giving false evidence	11	11	2	9	...	...
193 to 196	Fabricating false evidence	2	2	1	1	...	...
197 to 200	Making, issuing, or using false statement or certificate	...	...	...	...	...	...
205 to 229	False personation in Judicial Proceeding	4	5	...	5	...	...

IMPERIAL No. B.—II.—(*Continued.*)

Statement of offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted, for each offence in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

Indian Penal Code.	Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
	CLASS I.—Offences against the State.—(*Concluded.*)							
206 to 208, 421 to 424	Fraudulent claim to, or concealment of, property, or suffering of decree	1	1	1	...	...	...	
209-210 ...	False claim in Court of Justice	1	1	1	...	...	...	
211 ...	Do charge of offence	16	17	7	10	...	...	
C. P. 170 ...	Frivolous or vexatious complaint	...	...	...	...	...	...	
465-466-467-468,469-471, 473 to 477 ...	Forgery or fraudulently using or possessing forged document ...	13	25	13	9	...	3	
482 to 489 ...	Making or using false trade marks	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	48	62	25	34	...	3	
	PUBLIC NUISANCES.							
269 to 294 ...	Public nuisances under Penal Code	197	822	57	763	...	2	
	Nuisances under Police or Municipal and Local Acts	1,693	2,416	131	2,284	1	...	
	Total ...	1,890	3,238	188	3,047	1	2	
	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE.							
143 to 153, 157-158	Rioting or unlawful assembly	80	540	285	255	...	...	

154 to 156	Omitting to inform of, or prevent riot	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Affray	37	194	67	127	...	...
295 to 298	Offences relating to religion	7	6	3	3	...	...
	Total	117	740	355	385	...	...
	Grand Total	2,445	4,620	688	3,924	2	6

CLASS II.

Offences against the Person.

Murder, 302-303.	By Thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...
	By dacoits	1	...	...	...	...	...
	By robbers	12	15	7	8	...	...
	By poison — for sake of robbery	1	2	1	1	...	...
	By poison — from other motives	3	3	1	2	...	...
	Other murders — from motives connected with women	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Other murders — from other motives	14	24	7	10	...	7
307	Attempt to murder	12	9	2	7	...	...
304-308	Culpable homicide	7	7	3	4	...	...
305, 306	Abetment of suicide	1	1	...	1	...	...
309	Attempt to commit suicide	82	61	17	44	...	...
312-316	Causing miscarriage	4	11	9	2	...	...
317-318	Exposure of infant or concealment of birth	10	13	5	8	...	...
325, 326	Grievous hurt	39	43	10	30	...	3
335	Do. on grave and sudden provocation	1	1	...	1	...	...
323-334	Hurt	137	221	77	144	...	...
324	Do. by dangerous weapons	16	18	8	10	...	...
328	Administering stupefying drugs	4	6	4	...	...	2
327, 329 to 333	Causing hurt to extort property or confession	2	10	7	3	...	...
336-337	Act dangerous to life or safety	11	11	3	8	...	...
341	Wrongful restraint	296	486	270	193	...	23
342 to 346	Do. confinement	16	18	6	12	...	...
347, 348	Do. do. to extort property or confession	1	4	4	...	...	...
352, 355, 358	Assault or use of criminal force	2,495	5,055	3,728	1,323	4	...
504 to 509	Criminal intimidation or insult	116	190	129	61	...	...
510	Causing annoyance in state of intoxication	4	10	1	9	...	...

IMPERIAL No. B.—II—*(Continued.)*

Statement of offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted, for each offence in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

Indian Penal Code.	Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
	CLASS II.—Offences against the person.—*(Concluded.)*							
374	Unlawful compulsion of labor	4	7	2	5	...	...	
370, 371	Buying or disposing of any person as a slave	...	...	...	...	...	...	
363 to 365, 367 to 369 ...	Kidnapping or abduction	10	19	10	6	3	...	
366	Abducting a woman to compel marriage, or for defilement ...	2	6	3	3	...	...	
372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a woman for purposes of prostitution	1	2	1	1	...	...	
498	Enticing a married woman with criminal intent	45	61	44	17	...	...	
493 to 496	Fraudulent and unlawful marriages	31	70	52	18	...	...	
497	Adultery	9	11	7	3	...	1	
376	Rape	22	22	13	8	...	1	
377	Unnatural offences	6	3	1	2	...	...	
500 to 502	Defamation	18	39	32	7	...	...	
	Total ...	3,433	6,459	4,464	1,951	7	37	
	CLASS III.							
	OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE.							
395, 397 398	Dacoity	8	35	12	21	...	2	
399, 402	Preparation or assembly for dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	

394, 397, 398 ...	Robbery with hurt or deadly weapon.	By poison or stupefying drugs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		By other means ...	4	1	...	1	...	...
392, 393 ...	Robbery ...	In a dwelling house ...	2	3	2	1	...	...
		On the highway ...	6	10	7	3	...	...
		Elsewhere ...	21	17	3	14	...	...
384 to 389 ...	Extortion ...		14	19	13	4	...	2
451, 454, 457 ...	House-breaking or house-trespass, in order to commit theft ...		702	352	86	264	...	2
449, 450, 451, 454, 457 ...	House-breaking or house-trespass, in order to commit an offence other than theft ...		123	54	15	39	...	...
452, 455, 458, 460 ...	House-breaking or house-trespass, with preparation for, or attempt at hurt ...		38	11	6	5	...	...
452, 455, 458 ...	House-breaking or lurking house-trespass ...		113	44	27	17	...	...
		Total ...	1,031	546	171	369	...	6
	Without Violence.							
379, 380, 381 ...	Theft ...	Of cattle ...	291	234	52	168	12	2
		Ordinary... ...	2,652	2,079	541	1,532	2	4
411 to 414 ...	Dishonestly receiving stolen property ...		82	113	36	74	2	1
403, 404 ...	Dishonest misappropriation of property ...		127	188	56	132	...	...
406 to 409 ...	Criminal breach of trust ...		117	102	32	66	1	3
417 to 420 ...	Cheating ...		33	39	7	31	...	1
		Total ...	3,342	2,755	724	2,003	17	11
	Malicious Offences.							
426, 427, 430, to 433 ...	Mischief ordinary ...		170	297	180	117	...	...
420, 429 ...	Do. by poisoning or killing cattle ...		33	45	26	19	...	...
434 ...	Do. by destroying land marks ...		33	42	9	33	...	...
435, 436, 438 ...	Serious mischief by fire ...		70	20	8	12	...	...
447 ...	Criminal trespass or house-trespass ...		339	517	288	228	...	1
461, 462 ...	Breaking closed receptacle ...		3	1	1	...	...	...
		Total ..	648	922	512	409	...	1
		Grand Total ...	5,021	4,223	1,407	2,781	17	18

IMPERIAL No. B.—II.—(*Concluded.*)

Statement of offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted, for each offence in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

Indian Penal Code.	Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
	CLASS IV.							
	NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES.							
311, 400, 411	BELONGING TO A GANG OF ... Thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Dacoits	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Thieves	...	...	...	...	...	...	
C. P. 504, 505	Vagrancy without ostensible means of livelihood	54	73	33	40	...	...	
C. P. 296, 297	Bad habit and repute	34	52	18	33	...	1	
490, 492	Criminal breaches of contracts of service	...	...	...	...	...	...	
C. P. 316	Maintenance to wives and children	58	60	41	16	1	2	
	Breaches of special laws for the protection of the Revenue, or on other subjects, the Acts being specified.							
	Breaches of laws relating to Excise on spirits and drugs ...	246	266	48	218	...	...	
	" Opium	98	109	19	90	...	...	
	" Salt and Saltpetre	13	20	3	17	...	...	
	" Sea and Land Customs	1	1	...	1	...	...	
	" Stamps	18	33	3	29	1	..	
	" Paper Currency	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	" Mint	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	" Post office	7	7	2	5	...	...	

	"	Electric telegraph	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Payment of watchmen	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Municipalities	3	6	2	4	...	...	
	"	Jails	3	3	...	3	...	...	
	"	Forests	254	425	51	374	...	...	
	"	Ferries	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Canals	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Railways	26	27	3	24	...	...	
	"	Tools	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Stage coaches	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	The Press	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Gaming and Lotteries	25	99	27	72	...	...	
	"	Wandering and dangerous lunatics ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Cattle trespass...	177	356	244	112	...	...	
	"	Possession of arms	20	32	6	26	...	...	
	"	Foreigners	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Emigration	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	"	Boundary marks	11	19	9	10	...	...	
C. P. C. 435 ...	... Contempt of court	... ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
" 535 ...	... Default to attend by person bailed	... ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
C. P. C. 491 ...	... Disturbing Public Peace	... ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
" 497 ...	... Non-compliance to give bond to keep peace	... ...	1	9	1	8	...	...	
	Against Registration Act	... ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
		Total ...	1,053	1,601	510	1,086	2	3	
		Grand total ...	11,952	16,903	7,069	9,742	28	64	
	Cognizable	... ...	7,548	8,428	2,152	6,203	21	52	
	Non-cognizable	... ...	4,404	8,475	4,917	3,539	7	12	
		Total ...	11,952	16,903	7,069	9,742	28	64	
		Abstract.							
	Class I.	... ...	2,445	4,620	688	3,924	2	6	
	Class II.	... ...	3,433	6,459	4,464	1,951	7	37	
	Class III.	... ...	5,021	4,223	1,407	2,781	17	18	
	Class IV.	... ...	1,053	1,601	510	1,086	2	3	
		Total ...	11,952	16,903	7,069	9,742	28	64	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL.

Statement showing the general result of criminal trials in the
tricts during

Class of Tribunals.	Number of per		
	Remaining at close of last year.	Brought to present	
		Under arrest by Police.	Upon Warrant.
1	2	3	4
Unpaid Magistrates	1	918	13
Local and Subordinate paid Magistrates	3	5,484	488
Full power Magistrates, exercising jurisdiction throughout district.	15	1,055	143
Chief Magistrates of districts	7	377	89
Total Magistracy ...	26	7,834	733
Court of Session	1	43	...
Grand Total ...	27	7,877	733

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

a.—Includes 18 persons refer
b.—Includes 38 persons com
c.—5 of those, though committed

No. B.—III.

tribunal of various classes in the Haidarabad Assigned Dis-
the year 1874.

sons dealt with.				Persons disposed of.								
trial during year.												
On Summons.	Voluntarily.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Discharged.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining at close of year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses who attended.	Remarks.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
462	* 2	...	1,396	91	295	995	...	15	...*	3	1,639	
6,586	563	49	13,173	1,786	4,012	7,272	13	56	34	4	22,992	
472	47	40	1,772	368	253	1,080	29	29	13	4	4,363	
147	7	50	677	186	66	367	12	33	13	6	1,861	
7,667	619	139	17,018	2,431	4,626	9,714	54	133	60	4	30,855	
...	...	...	c. 44	...	12	28	...	...	4	41	178	
7,667	619	a. 139	b17,062	2,431	4,638	9,742	54	133	64	11	31,033	

red for higher puuishments.
mitted to Sessions Court.
in 1873, were not admitted till 1874.

J. G. BELL,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL No.

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals.	Persons sentenc							
	Death.	Transportation.		Penal servitude.	Imprisonment.			Forfeiture of property.
		For life.	For a term.		Rigorous.		Simple.	
					With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Unpaid Magistrates	..	...	...	...	...	27	12	...
Local and Subordinate Magistrates	...	...	...	...	3	83	107	...
Full Power Magistrates exercising jurisdiction throughout the districts ...	...	...	...	...	9	139	22	...
Chief Magistrates of districts ...	...	...	...		16	112	20	...
Sessions Court	10	9	...	...	...	7	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	28	1,115	161	...

Of these, 21 are also

B-IV.

Tribunals of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

ed to				Persons ordered to find or give				Detail of punishment.					
Fine		Whipping						Fines.					
With imprisonment.	Without imprisonment	In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Surety of the peace.	Recognizance.	Sureties of good behaviour.	Maintenance.	Rupees 10 and under.	„ 50 „	„ 100 „	„ 500 „	„ 1,000 „	Above Rs. 1,000.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
31	925			..	...	.		929	27	.		...	.
525	5,447	34	326	...	..	...	...	5,190	725	42	18		.
137	572	21	113	5	6	45	11	520	149	27	21	.	.
62	97	6	37	.	.	14	3	92	41	17	16	...	..
2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	.	2	...	...	...
757	7,041	*61	476	5	6	59	14	6,731	945	88	55	...	...

sentenced to pay fine.

IMPERIAL

Statement showing punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals.	Fines.—(Concluded.)									Detail of Impri			
	Total amount of fines.			Amount realized.			Amount paid by way of compensation.			15 days.		6 months.	
										Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.
1	24			25			26			27	28	29	30
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.				
Unpaid Magistrates	1,946	14	0	1,104	1	0	118	4	0	31	18	19	2
Local and Subordinate Magistrates	42,881	11	0	37,669	3	10	2,136	1	3	472	153	811	54
Full power Magistrates exercising jurisdiction throughout the districts	13,252	12	0	7,314	13	5	962	10	9	18	10	139	22
Chief Magistrates of districts	8,441	8	0	4,940	3	2	623	0	0	10	14	65	22
Sessions Court	200	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	66,722	13	0	51,728	5	5	3,640	0	0	531	195	1,034	100

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. B.—IV.—(*Concluded*).

Tribunals of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Punishment.—(*Concluded.*)																
sonment.						Whipped.										
2 years.		7 years.		Above 7 years.												
Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	10 stripes and under.	20 do.	30 do.	40 do.	50 do.	60 do.	70 do.	80 do.	90 do.	100 stripes and above.	Remarks.
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9	...	...	...	...	...	61	80	106	96	13	2	1	1	...	...	
138	1	...	...	...	...	14	14	43	15	31	4	2	6	...	5	
58	...	47	...	...	...	4	10	6	4	3	9	...	4	...	3	
3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
208	1	50	...	3	...	79	104	155	115	47	15	3	11	...	8	

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL

Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in criminal cases

Tribunals.	Number of appellants or persons applying for revision under Chapters XX. and XXII. of the Criminal Procedure Code.	Number	
		Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentences confirmed.
MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS.			
Akola	36	7	18
Buldana	13	4	3
Basim	26	1	9
Oomraottee	71	...	39
Elichpur	44	5	8
Wun	28	5	6
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	42	20	4
Total ...	260	42	87

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. B.—V.

in the Courts of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

of Persons.						Remarks.
Sentences modified.	Sentences reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	Further enquiry or evidence ordered.	Cases referred for revision to High Court.	Pending.	
1	10	...	...	...	...	
2	4	...	...	...	...	
4	10	...	...	2	...	
5	27	...	...	...	...	
19	11	...	...	...	1	
5	12	...	...	...	...	
1	16	...	1	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
37	90	...	1	2	1	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits during the

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money due.								
	On written obligation.	On unwritten obligation.	On account stated	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Small Cause Courts	3,339	396	524	57	465	530	75	125	19
Sub-Divisional Courts ..	2,832	495	1,331	19	286	377	39	106	38
District Courts ..	6,088	633	1,879	53	193	215	36	184	39
Superior Court ..	..	...	...	...	.		...	.	...
Total ... 1874 .	12,259	1,524	3,734	129	944	1,122	150	415	96
Total ... 1873...	13,700	1,536	3,612	171	898	1,344	136	641	105

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. B-VI.

instituted in the Courts of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts
year 1874.

Other suits.													Remarks.
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contract or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Total.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,530	
105	4	21	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	5,657	
360	8	70	87	3	1	1	...	17	11	...	...	9,878	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
465	12	91	88	3	1	2	...	18	12	...	...	21,065	
356	2	93	81	5	1	5	2	12	11	...	2	22,716	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL

Statement showing value of Suits disposed of in the Courts

Value of Suits.	Number of suits in different		
	Small Cause Courts.	Sub-Divisional Courts.	District Courts.
Not exceeding Rupees 5	129	389	.....
Do. do. 20	1,286	3,456	5
Do. do. 100	2,944	8,274	32
Do. do. 500	1,178	2,723	51
Do. do. 1,000	35	220	15
Do. do. 5,000	.....	110	10
Do. do. 10,000	.....	.....	7
Do. do. 1,00,000	.....	.....	6
Exceeding do. 1,00,000	.....	.....	.....
Suits in which amount of claim cannot be shown ...	.....	45	1
Total... 1874 ...	5,572	15,217	127
Total... 1875 ...	.....	.....	.....

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. B.—VII.

of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

disposed of Courts.	Value of suits disposed of in different Courts.								
Grand Total.	Small Cause Courts.			Sub-Divisional and District Courts.			Grand Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
518	526	5	3	1,466	0	2	1,992	5	5
4,747	16,498	11	8	46,245	7	1	62,744	2	9
11,250	1,49,037	0	11	4,06,290	2	3	5,55,327	3	2
3,952	2,39,534	4	5	5,58,520	13	0	7,98,055	1	5
270	24,917	13	9	1,61,370	13	6	1,86,288	11	3
120	.....	...	...	2,30,389	12	5	2,30,389	12	5
7	.....	...	...	46,043	13	8	46,043	13	8
6	.....	...	...	1,00,386	5	5	1,00,386	5	5
...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...
46	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...
20,916	4,30,514	4	0	15,50,713	3	6	19,81,227	7	6
22,274	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	26,36,204	0	8

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL No.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Suits in Districts in the

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in the year 1874.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Small Cause Courts	249	5,542	3	5,791	3	52	156	131	772
Sub-Divisional Courts ...	54	5,694	76	5,824	10	2	337	70	987
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of districts	945	9,973	252	11,170	372	17	395	90	1,295
Chief Courts of districts ...	5	79	57	141	2	2	1	1	12
Total	1,253	21,288	*388	22,929	387	73	799	292	3,066

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

* One case received in Wun

B.—VIII.

the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Haidarabad Assigned
year 1874.

Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	Contested. Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Average duration of suits. Contested.	Average duration of suits. Uncontested.	Referred to arbitration.	REMARKS.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1,704	763	38	1,611	409	5,587	207	...	...	10·3	9·9	2	Re-institutions. Total No 224 No. pending 6.
2,624	284	16	1,117	347	5,792	32	5	1	25·5	18 5	17	
3,850	1,075	19	2,457	548	10,011	1,159	483	77	43·4	25·1	138	
37	8	..	47	27	185	6	1	2	62·9	31·8	4	
8,215	2,130	73	5,232	1,331	21,525	1,404	489	80	...	...	161	

Court from Chanda district.

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Officiating Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL No.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts

Class of Courts.	Remaining.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 5 and 6, Act XXIII of 1861.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...	3	408	...	411	...	10
Superior Appellate Courts, other than Chief Courts of Province	12	158	...	170	...	6
Total. 1874 ...	15	566	...	581	...	16
Total. 1873 ...	18	594	3	615	3	6

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875

B.—IX.

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Heard *ex parte*.			Contested.									
Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded, Section 351, C. P. C.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over four months.	Objections under Section 348 of Act VIII. of 1859.	Objections allowed.	Remarks.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
53	5	7	160	33	69	52	389	22	...	2	1	
...	...	1	109	17	17	11	161	9	...	2	...	
53	5	8	269	50	86	63	550	31	...	4	1	
...	4	...	315	39	149	94	600	15	...	...	...	

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL

Statement showing the execution of Decrees of the Civil Courts

Class of Courts.	Applications to execute decrees.				Decrees completely executed.
	Pending.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Small Cause Court	312	3,271	13	3,596	781
Local and Sub-Divisional Courts ...	668	3,110	...	3,778	1,494
District Courts	2,596	7,705	49	10,350	2,668
Total ... 1874 ...	3,576	14,086	62	17,724	4,943
Total ... 1873 ...	3,003	14,548	222	17,773	5,151

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. B.—X.

of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Decrees partially executed.	In which no execution took place.	Pending at the end of the year.	Decree executed by possession being given.	Nature and number of coercive processes issued.					Orders under Section 243, C. P. C.	Remarks.
				Imprisonment of persons.	Moveable property.		Immoveable property.			
					Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1,172	1,410	233	...	146	1,577	729	...	...	...	
627	806	851	35	74	1,092	419	461	215	24	
2,152	3,234	2,296	129	214	2,702	1,331	2,469	960	88	
3,951	5,450	3,380	164	434	5,371	2,479	29,30	1,175	112	
7,436	1,584	3,575	151	509	4,615	2,397	2,681	1,198	287	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

IMPERIAL—JUDICIAL STATE

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Courts

Classes of Courts in which Juries and Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.
CRIMINAL COURTS.			
Sessions Court of Judicial Commissioner.	Two Assessors in each case. The prescribed legal qualifications are education, character and age.	...	24
	Total ...	...	24

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

MENT B.—XI.—(CRIMINAL.)

of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts in the year 1874.

Jury trials.			Assessors' trials.		
Verdict in favor of the prosecutor or plaintiff.	Verdict in favor of the accused or defendant.	Jury discharged without verdict.	Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors	Number of cases in which Judges differed from Assessors.	Note showing in what classes of cases Juries and Assessors have been principally employed.
...	...	...	22	2	Criminal trials by Court of Sessions.
...	...	...	22	2	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the civil work performed by each officer in

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	No. of cases pending from last year.	Number instituted.	For dis Received by transfer.
	AKOLA.				
	Capt. K. J. L. Mackenzie ...	Deputy Commissioners ...	1	5	7
	Capt. R. Bullock				
	Capt. R. Bullock				
	C. A. W. Davies, Esquire ...				
	Bymanji Jamasji „ ...	Assistant Commissioners...	70	362	5
	H. S. Nicholetts „ ...				
	A. J. Dunlop „ ...				
	Purshotum Narayen „ ...	Extra Asst. Commissioner ...	581	3,274	1
	Mr. Govindraj	Tahsildar, Akola	2	128	1
	„ Govindrao Eshwant ...	Do., Balapore	...	55	...
	„ Ardeser Dinsaji ...	Do., Akote	1	263	...
	„ Dorabji Cowasji ...	Do., Khamgaon ...	16	142	...
	„ Sukharam Dutratraya...	Do., Julgaon	19	423	...
	„ Shahaboz Khan... ...	Offg. do. do.			
		Total... ...	690	4,652	14
	H. B. Knowlys, Esquire ...	Judge Small Cause Court, Akola	11	1,293	3
	Capt. F. W. Grant	Judge Small Cause Court, Khamgaon	132	1,947	...
	BULDANA.				
	Capt. R. Hudleston... ...	Deputy Commissioner ...	...	1	...
	A. Elliott, Esquire	Assistant Commissioner ...	14	312	...
	Bymanji Jamasji, Esquire...		...		
	Mr. Sreekrishna Nurhur ...	Extra Assistant Commissioner	...		
	„ Bapoojee Rungnath ...		21	840	...
	„ Abd-ul Baree	Tahsildar of Chicklee ...	...	830	...
	„ Hunmant Ramchunder.	Do. of Mehkur ...	...	602	...
		Total... ...	35	2,585	...
	BASIM.				
	Capt. J. FitzGerald... ...	Asst. Commr. in charge ...	3	64	48
	Taj-ud-din Husain, Esquire.	Assistant Commissioner ...	...	162	...
	Mr. Abd-ul Hakk	Extra Asst. Commissioner ...	46	770	11
	„ Abd-ul Rahman Khan...	Tahsildar of Basim	...	5	18
	„ Saadut Mir Khan ...	Do. of Poosud... ...	1	172	16
		Total ...	50	1,173	93

No. XII.

Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

posal.	Disposed of.							
Total.	Transferred.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Contested.	Dismissed, withdrawn, compromised.	Decreed by arbitration.	Number of cases pending at end of the year.	Average duration.
13	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	77
	...	...	2	6	1	...	2	138
437	1	28	5	64	21	2	136	58
	5	9	2	4	7	1		45
	8	4	...	13	4	1		53
	...	7	...	7	6	...		64
	...	18	6	71	7	...		59
3,856	...	1,336	446	668	531	74	801	83
131	...	50	13	39	26	1	2	26
55	...	16	4	15	18	...	2	17
264	...	121	8	74	59	...	2	12
158	...	43	33	46	25	...	11	37
442	...	188	29	95	99	...	4	14
	...	13	...	5	9	...		35
5,356	15	1,833	548	1,108	813	79	960	...
1,307	...	501	79	419	261	2	45	8
2,079	3	692	187	792	339	...	66	9
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	18
326	...	69	17	57	37	...	...	35
	...	45	2	19	25	...	...	
	..	16	...	11	6	...	22	
861	...	380	114	229	110	3	25	17
830	...	460	39	181	150	...	...	12
602	...	276	34	191	101	...	...	11
2,620	...	1,246	206	689	429	3	47	18
115	1	35	3	56	12	4	4	46
162	...	43	7	48	32	8	24	17
827	82	277	20	211	224	13	...	39
23	...	12	...	3	8	...	...	34
189	10	83	3	31	62	...	...	19
1,316	93	450	33	349	338	25	28	31

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the civil work performed by each officer in

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	No. of cases pending from last year.	Number instituted.	For dis Received by transfer.
	OOMRAOTTEE.				
	C. Hordern, Esquire ...	Deputy Commissioner ...	1	6	...
	Taj-ud-din Husain, Esquire...	Asst. do.	82	1,000	...
	Mr. Abd-ul Hakk	Extra Asst. do.	...	29	...
	Capt. H. DeP. Rennick ...	Asst. Commissioners ...	5	39	...
	A. J. Dunlop, Esquire ...		...	38	2
	Capt. R. S. Thompson ...		1	21	51
	Mr. J. H. Burns ...	Extra Asst. Commissioner ...	...	2	8
	Mr. Nagorao Jeykrishna ...	Asst. Cotton Commissioner...	47	769	38
	,, Shahab-ud-din Khan Bahadoor	Attachè	1	112	4
	,, Moubaruk Ali	Tahsildar of Moortazapore...	...	271	...
	,, Waman Narayen ...	Do. of Chandoor ...	...	479	...
	,, Bhaskar Mobeshwar ...	Do. of Moresee ...	...	1	39
	Major H. C. Menzies ...	Judge Small Cause Court, Oomraottee	86	1,649	...
	Mr. Kesheo Muhiput ...	Registrar	20	653	...
		Total... ...	243	5,069	142
	ELICHPUR.				
	Major J. T. Bushby ...	Deputy Commissioner ...	...	3	...
	Capt. A. Fairer	Asst. Commissioner	...	14	67
	Capt. R. S. Thompson ...	Do.	...		
	Mr. Shreekrishna Narhur ...	Extra Assist. Commissioner...	1	7	65
	,, Ramrao Govind ...	Judl. Extra Asst. Comr. ...	75	2,122	...
	,, Shaik Yad Ali	Tahsildar of Durriapore ...	11	853	1
	,, Sudasheo Bhaskur ...	Naib Tahsildar, Melghat ...	1	60	...
	WUN.	Total... ...	88	3,059	133
	Capt. H. Szczepanski ...	Deputy Commissioner ...	...	...	2
	Capt. K. J. L. Mackenzie ...	Offg. Deputy Commissioner.	...	...	...
	Major C. T. O. Mayne ...	Assistant Commissioner ...	1	100	...
	Mr. Abd-ul Azeez	Tahsildar, Iotmal	1	444	...
	,, Ambadas Sunto ...	Do., Wun	1	505	1
	,, Deorao Jeykrishna ...	Do., Darwah	1	461	...
		Total... ...	4	1,510	3
		Grand Total ...	1,253	21,288	388

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XII.—*(Concluded.)*

Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

posal.	Disposed of.							
Total.	Transferred.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Contested.	Dismissed, withdrawn, compromised.	Decreed by arbitration.	Number of cases pending at end of the year.	Average duration.
7	...	1	3	3	...	...	...	41
1,082	...	546	129	165	190	17	...	16
29	...	19	4	6	11	...	24	13
44	...	7	4	22	5	...	...	44
40	4	3	2	14	12	...	11	43
73	40	15	3	7	8	...	...	23
10	...	...	1	6	1	...	2	61
854	94	234	127	254	126	...	19	26
117	8	24	28	18	37	...	2	22
271	...	127	5	76	63	...	...	17
479	...	138	34	126	181	...	...	17
40	...	7	...	10	23	...	...	19
1,735	..	381	409	554	315	...	76	14·5
673	...	130	126	253	144	...	20	9·1
5,454	146	1,632	875	1,514	1,116	17	154	...
3	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	65
81	...	29	4	34	10	...	4	25
73	...	18	1	41	11	2	...	19
2,197	128	698	165	848	252	17	89	29
865	...	507	19	156	177	1	5	12
61	...	28	6	14	13	...	...	12
3,280	128	1,280	195	1,095	464	20	98	31
2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	26
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
101	2	25	9	50	15	...	...	46
445	...	166	9	108	148	13	1	14
507	..	219	23	124	134	2	5	18
462	...	170	39	153	100	...	...	16
1,517	2	581	80	436	397	15	6	18
22,929	387	8,215	2,203	6,402	4,157	161	1,404	...

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing value and cost of original cases disposed of

Districts.	Number of suits disposed of.				Total cost of cases					
	Cases.	Value.			Necessary.			Voluntary.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Akola	4.337	4,28,121	1	3	40,846	12	0	14,530	0	10
Buldana	2,554	2,21,816	1	10	21,492	14	10	6,957	8	0
Basim	1,132	1,34,425	6	7	13,120	0	9	2,742	5	3
Oomraottee	2,785	3,66,676	12	0	36,030	14	3	12,685	7	9
Elichpur	3,054	3,19,904	12	10	34,132	1	6	12,558	12	11
Wun	1,482	79,769	1	0	6,418	3	0	506	0	3
Small Cause Court, Akola .	1,252	87,880	10	9	8,442	8	6	768	6	0
Do., Khamgaon	2,008	1,52,708	15	5	15,531	3	0	1.151	8	0
Do., Oomraottee .	2,312	1,89,924	9	10	20,672	5	0	1,046	14	0
Total ... 1874 .	20,916	19,81,227	7	6	1,96,686	14	10	52,946	15	0
Total ... 1873	22,274	26,36,204	0	8	1,97,911	3	7	51,138	15	2

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XIII.

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

decided.			Average cost in each suit decided.									Percentage of costs to value of cases decided.									Remarks.
Total.			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total.			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total.			
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS	A.	P.	
55,376	12	10	9	6	8	3	5	7	12	12	3	9	10	0	3	6	3	13	0	3	
28,450	6	10	8	6	7	3	1	5	11	8	0	9	11	0	3	2	2	12	13	2	
15,862	6	0	11	9	5	2	6	9	14	0	2	9	12	2	2	0	7	11	12	9	
48,716	6	0	12	15	0	4	8	10	17	7	10	9	13	2	3	7	4	13	4	6	
46,690	14	5	11	2	7	4	1	6	15	4	1	10	10	6	3	15	7	14	10	1	
6,924	3	3	4	5	4	0	5	6	4	10	10	8	0	9	0	10	2	8	10	11	
9,210	14	0	6	11	10	0	9	9	7	5	7	9	9	8	0	14	0	10	7	8	
16,682	11	0	7	11	9	0	9	2	8	4	11	10	2	8	0	12	1	10	14	9	
21,719	3	0	8	5	1	0	7	3	8	12	4	10	14	2	0	8	9	11	6	11	
2,49,633	13	10	9	6	5	2	8	6	11	14	11	9	14	10	2	10	9	12	9	7	
2,49,050	2	9	8	14	2	2	4	9	11	2	11	7	8	1	1	15	0	9	7	1	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing value of appeal suits disposed of in the Courts

Value of Suits.	Number of appeal suits disposed of.							Akola.		
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Oomraottee.	Elichpur.	Wun.	Total.	RS.	A.	P.
Not exceeding Rupees 5 ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	...
Do. do. 20 ...	9	4	12	4	10	3	42	138	0	8
Do. do. 100 ...	53	22	50	15	59	23	222	2,840	8	10
Do. do. 500 ...	21	...	25	11	46	7	110	4,090	5	0
Do. do. 1,000 ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Do. do. 5,000 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Do. do. 10,000 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 1,00,000 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding Rupees 1,00,000 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suits in which amount of claim cannot be stated	...	...	...	3	6	...	9	...	.	..
Total .. 1874 ...	83	27	88	33	125	33	389	7,068	14	6
Total .. 1873 ...	194	13	69	47	58	37	418	22,255	1	10

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XIV.

of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Total value of suits.																		Remarks.
Buldana.			Basim.			Oomraottee.			Ellichpur.			Wun.			Total.			
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
1	4	0	5	0	0	...	...	..	2	2	0	...	...	..	8	6	0	
60	12	6	145	6	11	54	15	6	126	12	6	35	10	0	561	10	1	
1,056	12	0	2,695	9	7	662	6	1	3,205	5	7	1,083	14	8	11,514	8	9	
...		..	3,195	4	8	2,055	0	11	9,407	15	0	1,507	10	3	20,256	3	10	
..					...	..	..		2,022	10	9	..			2,022	10	9	
...	...	.	...	...		..	..		...		.	...		...	..	.	...	
...	.	. .	..			...	..	.	.				..	.	...	...	. .	
...	.	..	...	..	...	...	..		.	.				...		...	..	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
				..													..	
1,118	12	6	6,041	5	2	2,772	6	6	14,764	13	10	2,627	2	11	31,393	7	5	
699	10	0	8 165	11	2	5,502	10	2	7,157	1	8	3,470	6	9	47,250	12	7	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XV.

Statement showing value and cost of appeal cases in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Districts.	Number of appeal suits disposed of and their value.				Total costs of appeal suits disposed of.									Average cost in each appeal suit decided.									Percentage of costs to value of cases decided.									Remarks.
	Cases.	Value.			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total.			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total.			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total.			
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	
Akola	83	7,068	14	6	748	13	6	379	3	7	1,128	1	1	9	0	4	4	9	1	13	9	5	10	9	3	5	5	7	15	14	10	
Buldana	27	1,118	12	6	234	13	0	68	9	0	303	6	0	8	11	2	2	11	0	11	6	2	20	15	9	6	2	0	27	1	9	
Basim	88	6,041	5	2	672	1	0	111	0	0	783	1	0	7	10	2	1	4	2	8	14	4	11	1	11	1	13	5	12	15	4	
Oomraottee ...	33	2,772	6	6	323	3	0	92	7	11	415	10	11	9	12	8	2	12	10	12	9	6	11	10	6	3	5	5	14	15	11	
Elichpur	125	14,764	13	10	1,389	11	0	745	5	1	2,135	0	1	11	1	10	5	15	4	17	1	2	9	6	6	5	0	8	14	7	2	
Wun	33	2,627	2	11	77	5	0	3	8	0	80	13	0	2	5	6	0	1	8	2	7	2	2	15	1	0	2	2	3	1	3	
Total ...	389	34,393	7	5	3,445	14	6	1,400	1	7	4,846	0	1	8	13	9	3	9	7	12	7	4	10	0	3	4	1	1	14	1	4	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Officiating Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XVI.

Statement showing details of cases remaining on the 31st December 1874 in the Courts of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

Districts.	Number of cases filed during the month of 1873.												1874.												Total number of cases remaining on the files at the close of the year 1874.	Remarks.
	Pending 1872.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		
Original Suits.																											
Akola	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	...	13	26	21	45	383	215	249	960	
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	4	39	47	
Basim	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	6	10	2	28	
Oomraottee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	7	17	30	58	
Elichpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	17	32	44	98	
Wun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	1	6	
Small Cause Court, Akola	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	
Do., Khamgaon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	66	
Do., Oomraottee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	96	
Total... ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	...	13	29	34	53	413	282	572	1,404	
Appeal Suits.																											
Akola	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	4	10	
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Basim	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Oomraottee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	
Elichpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	7	
Wun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	9	22	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XVII.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Average detention of witnesses in 1874.

Districts.	Period of detention.												Remarks.
	For 1 day.	For 2 days.	For 3 days.	For 4 days.	For 5 days.	For 6 days.	For 7 days.	For 8 days.	For 9 days.	For 10 days.	Up to 1 month.	Total.	
Akola	5,069	129	51	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	2	5,270	
Buldana	2,434	60	15	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,513	
Basim	1,129	31	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,177	
Oomraottee	6,255	120	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,394	
Elichpur	3,205	151	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,356	
Wun	2,086	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2,088	
Small Cause Court, Akola... ...	2,406	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,456	
Do., Khamgaon... ...	4,150	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,180	
Do., Oomraottee ...	5,103	188	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,294	
Total 1874...	31,837	759	105	4	19	2	...	...	...	...	2	32,728	
Total 1873...	34,840	1,191	115	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,195	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XVIII.

Statement showing the disposal of land under Section 244, C. C. P., in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Class of tribunals.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector succeeded in temporary alienating the land to others.	Number of instances in which sales of the land was recommended.		Number of instances in which the sales actually took place.		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.					Remarks.
			Self acquired.	Ancestral.	Self acquired.	Ancestral.	For one year.	Not more than 3 years.	Not more than 5 years.	Not more than 10 years.	Above 10 years.	
Civil Courts.												
District Courts.												
Akola	337	76	36	53	13	17	12	11	29	18	6	
Buldana	144	19	12	21	11	18	...	3	12	4	...	
Basim	25	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Oomraottee	74	48	4	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	42	
Elichpur	311	85	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	50	31	
Wun	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	892	229	52	75	24	35	18	16	44	72	79	
Sub-Divisional Courts.												
Akola	53	3	11	4	7	3	1	1	1	...	...	
Buldana	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Basim	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Oomraottee	34	1	2	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Elichpur	26	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	15	2	
Wun	19	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Total ...	150	32	16	23	10	3	1	1	11	15	4	
Grand Total...	1,042	261	68	98	34	38	19	17	55	87	83	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XIX.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Return of average duration of pending cases and average hearings of pending and disposed of cases during the year 1874.

Districts.	Average number of hearings in cases disposed of.	Total number of suits pending.	Total number of days of pending suits.	Average number of days each suit is pending.	Remarks.
Akola	2·	960	58,584	61	
Buldana	2·2	47	1,331	28·3	
Basim	3·	28	2,107	75·2	
Oomraottee	1·8	58	2,181	37·6	
Elichpur	2·8	98	3,672	37·4	
Wun	1·8	6	317	52·8	
Small Cause Court, Akola	1·03	45	477	10·6	
Do., Khamgaon	1·2	66	596	9·	
Do., Oomraottee	1·08	96	933	9	
Total ...	1·1	1,404	70,198	50·	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner.
Haidarabad Assigned Districts

PROVINCIAL No. XX.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement showing castes of litigants.

Castes.	Plaintiffs.										Defendants.										Remarks.
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Oomrottee.	Elichpur.	Wun.	Small Cause Court, Akola.	Small Court, Khamgaon.	Small Court, Oomrottee.	Total.	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Oomrottee.	Elichpur.	Wun.	Small Cause Court, Akola.	Small Court, Khamgaon.	Small Court, Oomrottee.	Total.	
Christians	...	...	..	1	1	10	2	1	3	18	4	10	...	3	6	3	1	8	7	42	
Kunbis (Malee)	635	420	207	459	565	267	237	487	232	3,509	2,609	1,470	639	1,449	1,446	443	485	1,211	708	10,460	
Marwadis	2,357	890	442	1,095	1,359	373	462	1,115	772	8,865	169	99	75	141	183	23	33	124	83	930	
Brahmins	630	410	202	368	358	293	161	167	391	2,980	234	137	132	160	178	103	81	88	134	1,253	
Musalmans	159	104	54	94	227	108	..	92	...	838	375	222	85	200	439	192	...	203	...	1,716	
Brinjaras	1	17	1	4	7	2	...	1	..	33	...	57	10	13	6	56	..	3	...	145	
Banjahs	...	104	35	87	6	97	...	...	...	329	3	58	41	94	11	55	...	...	...	262	
Sonars, Kasars	46	26	7	69	34	18	...	...	..	200	149	50	8	84	58	26	...	..	...	375	
Simpees	28	29	...	11	1	12	...	23	...	104	101	17	...	30	21	23	...	31	...	223	
Talees	61	28	6	76	23	56	..	11	..	261	212	95	34	189	109	59	...	65	.	763	
Kostees	...	1	6	37	16	4	...	1	...	65	...	16	16	85	51	10	...	6	..	184	
Sutars	..	8	1	12	8	4	...	58	...	91	...	38	20	41	43	28	...	189	..	359	
Mahars	27	7	2	9	16	23	5	11	17	117	235	158	34	114	220	111	127	190	153	1,342	
Beldars	...	1	...	5	1	4	...	...	...	11	...	27	...	8	...	19	..	..	..	54	
Gonds (Korkus)	12	...	...	2	4	3	...	2	...	23	8	...	...	29	27	49	...	10	...	123	
Kalals	37	2	...	38	15	1	...	...	...	93	23	13	...	49	36	11	..	6	...	138	
Rajputs	...	52	32	84	70	13	...	...	...	251	...	57	20	79	83	33	...	...	...	272	
Hatgars	...	...	..	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	1	9	...	...	..	11	
Parsees	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	..	...	..	3	
Gowlees	...	2	4	1	13	1	...	...	...	21	...	8	9	37	43	5	...	...	...	102	
Chambars	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	19	...	16	18	11	...	...	...	67	
Vidoors	...	15	...	11	15	18	...	...	...	59	...	22	...	51	13	18	...	...	..	104	
Jains	...	18	...	87	...	...	...	...	...	105	...	16	...	75	2	...	...	...	...	93	
Seeks	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	
Manbhaoos	...	2	...	12	6	...	...	...	...	20	...	2	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	9	
Dhangurs	..	1	..	6	9	3	...	...	...	19	..	12	..	34	45	24	.	...	.	115	
Other castes	504	438	193	322	460	184	442	184	964	3,691	851	363	210	419	633	371	722	236	1,773	5,578	
Total ...	4,498	2,584	1,192	2,893	3,214	1,498	1,309	2,153	2,379	21,720	4,976	2,969	1,333	3,411	3,677	1,683	1,449	2,370	2,858	24,726	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXI.

Return of civil debtors of the Haidarabad Assigned Districts for the year 1874.

Districts.	Remained from last year.	Imprisoned during the year.	Total.	Released during the year.	Remaining at close of the year.
Akola	1	129	130	121	9
Buldana	3	51	54	47	7
Basim	...	4	4	4	...
Oomraottee	6	46	52	50	2
Elichpur	3	54	57	55	2
Wun	2	13	15	13	2
Small Cause Court, Akola	...	2	2	...	2
Do., Khamgaon	2	82	84	82	2
Do., Oomraottee	5	62	67	56	11
Total... 1874 ...	22	443	465	428	37
Total... 1873 ...	23	513	536	514	22

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXII.

STATEMENT OF VAKEELS.

Districts.	Number of Vakeels practising.	Number of cases in which Vakeels were employed.	Amount awarded to Vakeels.			Number of powers of attorney.	Remarks
			RS.	A.	P.		
Akola	43	3,615	11,597	8	1	4,216	
Buldana...	13	2,300	6,713	6	6	2,416	
Basim...	4	910	1,822	0	4	1,074	
Oomraottee	27	2,078	11,535	7	9	2,300	
Elichpur...	14	3,020	9,701	13	4	3,314	
Wun	3	148	274	6	9	148	
Total... 1874...	104	12,071	41,644	10	9	13,468	
Total... 1873...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXIII.

Statement of Processes served and amount realized in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Districts.	Number of processes served.	Amount realized on account of processes.			Total amount expended.			Balance.			Remarks.
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Akola	30,059	14,814	6	0	12,617	9	3	2,196	12	9	
Buldana	15,971	6,235	7	0	5,906	8	9	328	14	3	
Basim	9,112	2,989	6	0	3,050	0	0	...	...	...	
Oomraottee	13,962	8,600	0	0	7,386	10	3	1,213	5	9	
Elichpur...	16,977	8,119	7	0	5,424	2	6	2,695	4	6	
Wun	6,713	3,122	4	6	2,598	7	8	523	12	10	
Small Cause Court, Akola	5,853	2,042	15	0	1,463	12	0	579	3	0	
Do., Khamgaon	10,259	3,560	0	0	1,966	6	4	1,593	9	8	
Do., Oomraottee	11,434	4932	10	0	3,202	6	4	1,730	3	8	
Total ... 1874 ...	120,340	54,416	7	6	43,615	15	1	10,861	2	5	
Total ... 1873 ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXIV.

Statement showing Court and Process Fees realized in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Districts.	Collections on account of Court Fees. In labels. Civil.			Criminal.			Revenue.			Total.			Collections on account of Process Fees. In labels. Civil.			Criminal.			Revenue.			Total.			Grand total of columns 5 & 9.			Total cost of process service establishment.			Remarks.
1	2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10			11			12
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Akola	46,554	4	0	1,837	6	0	3,203	15	0	51,595	9	0	11,952	10	0	2,814	15	0	46	13	0	14,814	6	0	66,409	15	0	12,617	9	3	
Buldana	21,446	5	0	708	0	0	1,783	10	0	23,937	15	0	5,570	2	0	623	11	0	41	10	0	6,235	7	0	30,173	6	0	5,906	8	9	
Basim	11,022	6	0	395	5	0	1,105	15	0	12,523	10	0	2,569	3	0	405	13	0	14	6	0	2,989	6	0	15,513	9	0	3,050	0	0	
Oomraottee	27,790	1	0	1,444	5	0	2,536	15	0	31,771	5	0	6,333	2	0	2,258	0	0	8	14	0	8,600	0	0	40,371	5	0	7,386	10	3	
Elichpur	26,854	4	0	897	12	0	3,109	9	0	30,861	9	0	6,953	7	0	1,165	0	0	1	0	0	8,119	7	0	38,981	0	0	5,424	2	6	
Wun	7,532	7	0	480	4	0	473	2	0	8,485	13	0	2,492	4	6	607	8	0	22	8	0	3,122	4	6	11,608	1	6	2,598	7	8	
Small Cause Court, Akola ...	8,180	13	0	2	0	0	...	...	...	8,182	13	0	2,032	7	0	10	8	0	...	...	...	2,042	15	0	10,225	12	0	1,463	12	0	
Do., Khamgaon ...	14,034	6	0	24	3	0	...	...	...	14,058	9	0	3,557	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...	3,560	0	0	17,618	9	0	1,966	6	4	
Do., Oomraottee ...	17,495	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,495	1	0	4,932	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,932	10	0	22,427	11	0	3,202	6	4	
Total ...	1,80,909	15	0	5,789	3	0	12,213	2	0	1,98,912	4	0	46,392	13	6	7,888	7	0	135	3	0	54,416	7	6	2,53,328	11	6	43,615	15	1	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL *Major*,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the criminal work performed by each Officer

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Number filed.	
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
	AKOLA.					
1	Major J. T. Bushby	Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate ...	...	...	4	8
2	Captain K. J. L. Mackenzie...		...	...	1	1
3	Captain R. Bullock	Magistrate	...	...	8	14
4	Captain R. Bullock	Assistant Commissioner, 1st Class Magistrate	2	2	67	95
5	Bymonji Jamasji, Esquire ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	7	11
6	H. S. Nicholetts „ ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	24	28
7	A. J. Dunlop „ ...	Do. do. ...	2	2	48	74
8	C. A. W. Davies „ ...	Do. do. ..	...	...	23	31
9	Captain Rennick...	Do. Railway Magistrate.	...	...	5	7
10	Captain F. W. Grant	Do. Khamgaon, 1st Class Magistrate	1	4	12	19
11	H. B. Knowlys, Esquire ...	Do. Akola do. ...	...	...	4	6
12	Mr. Purshotumrao Narayan ...	Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Class Magistrate...	...	...	61	121
13	Mr. Govindrauz	Tahsildar, Akola do. ...	2	2	172	289
14	„ Gungaram Bapuji ...	Naib do. 3rd do. ...	...	...	349	620
15	„ Govindrao Yeshwant ..	Tahsildar, Balapur 2nd do. ...	...	...	236	506
16	„ Bhickaji Chimnaji... ...	Naib do. 3rd do. ...	...	...	13	24
17	„ Ardisur Dinshaji	Tahsildar, Akote 2nd do. ...	...	...	307	554
18	„ Rugho Yader	Naib do. 3rd do. ...	...	...	410	728
19	„ Dorabji Kawasji	Tahsildar, Khamgaon 2nd do..	...	...	300	397
20	„ Bhikaji Chimnaji	Naib do. 3rd do...	...	..	320	546
21	„ Sakharam Datatraya ..	Tahsildar, Jalgaon 2nd do...	...	...	282	427
22	„ Shabaz Khan	Do. do. ...	...	...	4	4
23	„ Mahoniraj Govind ...	Naib do. 3rd do...	...	...	282	473
24	„ Hummunt Jeywant ...	Special Magistrate, Balapur...	...	...	166	169
25	„ Janrao Ramchundra ...	Do. Khamgaon.	...	...	58	78
	Magistrate under Section 36 of Act X of 1872		1	2	35	73
		Total ...	8	12	3,198	5303

No. XXV.

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Received by transfer.		Total.		Disposed of.								Number pending.		Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
				Referred, transferred, or committed.		Discharged.		Acquitted.		Convicted.						
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
1	1	5	9	...	...	2	1	...	2	3	6	...	..	4	6	
..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...		1	1	
9	10	17	24	1	4	1	...	1	4	13	15	1	1	...	15	
..	..	69	97	5	8	12	24	2	3	50	62	..	...	2	11	
..	...	7	11	1	1	3	4	...	...	2	2	1	4	3	14	
.	...	24	28	..	...	7	7	1	1	10	13	6	7	5	4	
2	3	52	79	3	3	28	48	2	2	19	26	.	..	3	10	
..	...	23	31	3	3	8	12	..	2	12	14	...	..	4	10	
..	...	5	7	..	...	1	1	...	...	4	6	...	...	1	...	
..	...	13	23	2	2	7	17	...	...	4	4	...	...	6	1	
...	...	4	6	...	...	1	1	. .	1	2	3	1	1	..	9	
...	...	61	121	...	...	2	3	4	15	55	103	..		2	3	
2	5	176	296	2	2	39	73	19	57	115	163	1	1	4	8	
..	...	349	620	1	...	62	126	86	235	200	259	..	..	4	6	
1	1	237	507	1	3	61	148	63	149	111	204	1	3	5	6	
...	...	13	24	...	...	3	9	..	...	10	15	...	...	2	4	
.	...	307	554	1	1	30	66	115	262	161	225	...	..	6	9	
..	...	410	728	1	1	23	46	158	331	228	350	...	..	6	9	
..	...	300	397	2	3	51	100	38	52	208	241	1	1	5	6	
7	14	327	560	...	. .	76	140	35	92	215	326	1	2	2	6	
..	. .	282	427	1	3	41	70	35	57	204	296	1	1	3	4	
..	...	4	4	...	...	2	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	7	
..	...	282	473	1	1	126	230	27	48	128	194	...		3	4	
...	...	166	169	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	169	...	.	1	...	
..	...	58	78	7	14	7	14	..	...	44	50	..	..	1	11	
2	7	38	82	2	2	23	56	1	4	8	14	4	6	5	18	Died in the year.
24	41	3,230	5,356	34	51	616	1,198	588	1,318	1,974	2,762	18	27	3	8	

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the criminal work performed by each Officer

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Number filed.	
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
	BULDANA.					
26	Captain R. H. Hudleston ...	Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate...	1	1	51	108
27	A. Elliot, Esquire ...	Assistant Do., 1st Class do...	...	...	54	60
28	Bymanji Jamasji, Esquire ..	Do., do. ...	...	...	25	29
29	Mr. Srikrishna Narhar ...	Extra Do., do. ...	...	...	6	7
30	,, Bapuji Rangnath ...	Do., do. ...	...	...	59	78
31	,, Abd-ul Bari ...	Tahsildar, Chickli 2nd do...	...	...	203	339
32	,, Ramchundra Apaji ...	Naib Do. 3rd do...	...	...	67	94
33	,, Hunmunt Ramchundra ...	Tahsildar, Maiker 2nd do...	...	...	195	254
34	,, Ramchundra Pondurung.	Naib Do., 3rd do...	...	...	31	46
35	,, Trimbakrao Yeshwant...	Tahsildar Mulkapur, 2nd do...	...	...	202	318
36	,, Khaja Mahomed ...	Special Magistrate, 3rd do...	...	...	99	131
37	,, Bapuji Rangnath ...	Railway Magistrate ...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	1	1	992	1,464
	BASIM.					
38	Captain J. FitzGerald ...	Asst. Commissioner in charge, and District Magistrate ...	2	2	177	268
39	Mr. Taj-ud-din Husain ...	Asst. Commissioner, 1st Class Magistrate	...	...	...	...
40	,, Atmaram Bhikaji ...	Extra Asst. Commissioner, 2nd Class Magistrate ...	...	...	6	6
41	,, Abd-ul Hakk	Extra Asst. Comsr., 3rd Class Magistrate	...	...	16	26
42	,, Abd-ul Rahimon ...	Tahsildar, Basim do. ...	...	...	57	126
43	,, Saadat Mir Khan ...	Do. Pusad, do. ...	...	...	68	135
44	,, Bhivrao Anant ...	Naib Tahsildar, Basim, do. ...	...	...	76	182
45	,, Damodhar Ganesh ...	Do. Pusad, do. ...	...	...	31	86
46	,, Venkatrao	Special Magistrate, Wakad do.	...	...	68	113
47	,, Trimbak Prabhaker ...	Do. Oomerkhed do. ...	...	...	26	32
		Total ...	2	2	525	974

No. XXV.—(*Continued.*)

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Received by transfer.		Total.		Disposed of.								Number pending.		Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
				Referred, transferred, or committed.		Discharged.		Acquitted.		Convicted.						
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
10	14	62	123	6	13	11	28	12	19	33	63	...	...	7	16	
2	3	56	63	1	1	20	25	2	3	33	34	...	...	...	...	
1	2	26	31	2	4	4	6	1	1	19	20	...	...	4	6	
...	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	
1	4	60	82	6	10	8	12	12	18	34	42	...	...	3	8	
...	...	203	339	1	2	17	26	40	78	145	233	...	...	2	8	
...	...	67	94	1	1	6	18	16	22	44	53	...	...	1	6	
1	...	196	254	1	1	25	29	38	67	132	157	...	...	1	4	
...	...	31	46	1	...	5	13	3	7	22	26	...	...	1	5	
...	...	202	318	1	2	54	94	25	60	122	162	...	...	2	7	
...	...	99	131	...	...	8	29	7	8	84	94	...	...	1	5	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15	23	1,008	1,488	20	34	158	280	156	283	674	891	...	...	3	7	
3	3	182	273	1	2	26	47	16	32	138	189	1	3	5	8	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	2	2	
...	...	16	26	2	3	2	3	4	12	8	8	...	...	4	9	
...	...	57	126	...	...	2	4	20	40	35	82	...	...	2	5	
...	...	68	135	...	...	10	19	20	49	38	67	...	...	3	5	
1	2	77	184	2	2	7	42	21	60	47	80	...	...	4	8	
1	1	32	87	...	...	5	11	4	9	23	67	...	...	1	7	
...	...	68	113	1	1	25	33	3	13	39	66	...	...	4	3	
...	...	26	32	...	...	1	5	...	1	25	26	...	...	1	1	
5	6	532	982	6	8	78	164	88	216	359	591	1	3	3	5	

PROVINCIAL.

Statement showing the criminal work performed by each Officer

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Number filed.	
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
	OOMRAOTTEE.					
48	C. Hordern, Esquire	Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate ...	2	2	37	53
49	Taj-ud-din Husain do. ...	Asst. do. 1st Class, do. . .	...	...	244	410
50	Captain Rennick	do. do.		...	81	114
51	A. J. Dunlop, Esquire ..	do. do. ..	. .	...	116	182
52	Captain R. S. Thompson ..	do. do. ..	5	5	21	37
53	J. H. Burns, Esquire .	Extra do. do. ...	. .	.	70	136
54	Mr. Nagorao Jeykrishna	Asst. Cotton Comsr. do. ..	...	...	44	74
55	„ Inayat Husain .	Tahsildar, Oomraottee 2nd do.	..	..	257	360
56	„ Moobarak Ali ...	Do., Murtzapur, do. ...	...	..	171	270
57	„ Wamon Narayan .	Do., Chandur, do. ..	...	.	325	547
58	„ Bhasker Maheshwar . .	Do., Morsee, do. ...	..		288	711
59	„ Abd-ul Hakk	Extra Asst. Comr. 3rd do. ...	...	.	37	56
60	„Shahab-ud-dinKhan Bahadur	Attachè do.	...	...	101	193
61	„ Balwant Bapuji .	NaibTahsildar,Oomraottee 3rd Class Magistrate	...	..	206	486
62	„ Jiwanrao Narsinh	Do., Murtizapur do.	.	.	156	360
63	„ Eknath Trimbak ..	Do., Morsee do	...		233	484
64	„ Bakur Ali ..	Special Magistrate do...	1	1	204	480
		Total .	8	8	2,591	4953
	ELICHPUR.					
65	Captain K J. L. Mackenzie...	Deputy Commissioner and .	...	..	6	6
66	Major J. T. Bushby .	District Magistrate ...	..	.	32	43
67	Captain A. Farrer ...	Asst. Comsr. 1st Class Magistrate	2	2	72	130
68	Captain R. S. Thompson ...	Do., do. ...	..	.	39	54
69	Mr. Srikrishna Narhar ...	Extra do., do. ...	...	...	97	116
70	„ Ramrao Govind	Judicial do., 2nd do. ..	.	...	3	3
71	„ Laxmon Balaram . .	Tahsildar, Elichpur, do. ..	. .	...	410	699
72	„ Ramchundra Mahipat	Naib do. 3rd do. ...	...	...	90	171

No. XXV.—(*Continued.*)

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Received by transfer.		Total.		Disposed of.								Number pending.		Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
				Referred, transferred, or committed.		Discharged.		Acquitted.		Convicted.						
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
7	12	46	67	4	4	13	24	1	1	27	37	1	1	6	5	
1	1	245	411	...	...	10	24	43	110	192	277	...	...	1	3	
...	...	81	114	2	3	19	25	3	4	57	82	...	...	1	4	
9	9	125	191	3	11	20	33	10	31	92	116	...	...	2	8	
...	...	26	42	3	3	7	13	...	..	16	26	...	...	8	3	
9	12	79	148	3	7	25	49	6	19	45	73	...	...	6	10	
...	...	44	74	1	3	14	24	3	11	26	36	...	...	2	12	
2	2	259	362	2	2	15	19	66	108	175	232	1	1	2	4	
...	...	171	270	6	6	18	28	36	64	111	172	...	...	6	7	
...	...	325	547	9	9	23	33	95	202	198	303	...	...	3	8	
...	...	288	711	3	8	35	54	50	124	199	523	1	2	2	6	
...	...	37	56	...	...	2	2	8	22	27	32	...	...	1	5	
4	14	105	207	5	9	10	19	17	38	71	118	2	23	1	8	
2	2	208	488	1	1	13	26	108	256	86	205	...	...	4	7	
...	...	156	360	...	...	5	6	53	110	98	244	...	...	4	7	
...	...	233	484	1	1	5	14	94	179	133	290	...	...	2	6	
...	...	205	481	...	...	2	2	70	148	133	331	...	...	2	9	
34	52	2,633	5,013	43	67	236	395	663	1,427	1,686	3,097	5	27	3	7	
3	3	9	9	2	2	4	3	...	...	3	4	...	...	2	4	
...	...	32	43	10	14	7	9	2	2	12	17	1	1	5	5	
4	4	78	136	1	1	7	22	16	20	54	93	...	...	1	1	
1	1	40	55	1	1	4	4	3	9	32	41	...	...	1	2	
...	...	97	116	...	1	11	11	16	18	70	86	...	...	2	1	
...	...	3	3	...	...	..	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	...	
6	8	416	707	...	...	35	53	178	384	203	270	...	...	1	1	
...	...	90	171	2	2	11	29	34	77	43	63	...	...	1	1	

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the criminal work performed by each officer

Number.	Name of Officer and District.	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Number filed.	
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
	ELICHPUR.—(*Concluded.*)					
73	Mr. Shaikh Yad Ali ...	Tahsildar, Dariapur 3rd Class	...	...	159	320
74	„ Balkrishna Venkatesh ...	Naib do., do., do.	...	...	170	307
75	„ Sadasev Bhasker ...	Do. do., Melghat 2nd do.	...	...	66	129
76	„ Bhagwant Narhar ...	Special Magistrate, 3rd do....	...	...	263	396
		Total ...	2	2	1,407	2374
	WUN.					
77	Captain H. Szczepanski ...	Deputy Commissioner and...	...	...	25	35
78	Captain K. J. L. Mackenzie ...	District Magistrate ...	...	...	5	5
79	Major C. T. O. Mayne ...	Assistant Commissioner, first Class Magistrate ...	...	...	26	27
80	Mr. Abd-ul Azeez	Tahsildar, Iotmal, 2nd do. ...	1	1	186	347
81	„ Ambadas Santu	Do., Wun, do....	...	...	134	295
82	„ Devrao Jeykrishna ...	Do., Darwah, do....	...	...	280	413
83	„ Purshotum Pandurung ...	Naib Tahsildar, Iotmal 3rd Class ... do....	...	...	127	289
84	„ Tukaram Krishna ...	Do., Wun, do....	...	...	119	215
85	„ Ramchundra Hari ...	Do., Darwah, do....	...	..	84	159
		Total ...	1	1	986	1,785
		Grand Total...	22	26	9699	16,853

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XXV.—(*Concluded.*)

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Received by transfer.		Total.		Disposed of.								Number pending.		Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
				Referred, transferred, or committed.		Discharged.		Acquitted.		Convicted.						
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
...	...	159	320	...	...	10	17	52	131	97	172	...	...	2	7	
...	...	170	307	...	...	10	12	80	188	80	107	...	...	3	8	
...	...	66	129	...	...	9	10	7	12	50	107	...	...	1	1	
...	...	263	396	...	...	2	8	52	125	209	263	...	...	1	1	
14	16	1,423	2,392	16	21	110	178	440	966	856	1,226	1	1	2	3	
...	...	25	35	3	3	10	18	2	2	10	12	...	...	2	1	
...	...	5	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	1	3	2	
...	1	26	28	...	...	7	8	3	4	16	16	...	...	3	5	
...	...	187	348	1	2	15	33	32	76	139	237	...	...	2	1	
...	...	134	295	1	1	6	15	24	69	103	210	...	...	1	1	
...	...	280	413	...	...	36	76	64	86	180	251	...	...	2	5	
...	...	127	289	...	...	7	12	46	104	74	173	...	...	1	1	
...	...	119	215	...	...	7	14	14	32	98	169	...	...	1	1	
...	...	84	159	...	...	12	40	24	43	48	76	...	...	1	3	
...	1	9,87	1,787	6	7	100	216	209	416	671	1,147	1	1	2	2	
92	139	9,813	17,018	125	188	1,298	2,431	2,144	4,626	6,220	9,714	26	59	2	5	

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXVI.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement of criminal cases tried under Section 36 of Act X. of 1872.

Districts.	Number of cases and persons. Remained from last year. Cases.	Remained from last year. Persons.	Received during the year. Cases.	Received during the year. Persons.	Total. Cases.	Total. Persons.	Number of cases. Tried during the year. Cases.	Tried during the year. Persons.	Remaining at close of year. Cases.	Remaining at close of year. Persons.	Transferred to other Districts. Cases.	Transferred to other Districts. Persons.	Total number of cases tried.	Total number of persons tried.	Result of trials. Convicted. Cases.	Convicted. Persons.	Discharged in the foregoing. Persons.	Acquitted or discharged. Cases.	Acquitted or discharged. Persons	Penal result. Only fined.	Flogging.	Imprisoned. For, and under 6 months.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years	5 years.	6 years.	7 years.	Remarks.
Akola ...	1	2	35	78	36	80	32	74	4	6	...	...	32	74	8	14	...	24	60	...	6	2	1	...	1	...	1	...	3	
Buldana ...	1	1	29	74	30	75	30	75	...	...	...	...	30	75	17	42	...	13	33	...	...	23	3	6	7	1	1	...	1	
Basim ...	...	...	15	25	15	25	15	25	...	...	...	...	15	25	8	15	...	7	10	1	...	8	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	
Oomraottee ...	2	2	31	47	33	49	30	45	1	1	2	3	30	45	19	26	5	11	14	3	...	3	4	5	3	...	3	...	5	
Elichpur ...	...	...	9	15	9	15	9	15	...	...	...	...	9	15	3	8	...	6	7	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wun ...	...	...	20	29	20	29	19	28	1	1	...	...	19	28	11	13	...	8	15	2	1	2	...	...	4	1	1	...	2	
Total ...	4	5	139	268	143	273	135	262	6	8	2	3	135	262	66	118	5	69	139	6	8	45	10	12	18	2	6	...	11	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXVII.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement showing the cases refused by Police and struck off the Crime Register during the year 1874.

Districts.	Refused by Police (Section 117, C. C. P.) and struck off the Crime Register with permission of District Magistrate.	Refused by Police (Section 125, C. C. P.) and struck off the Crime Register with permission of District Magistrate.		Struck off the Register after the Magistrate investigated and certified that no offence was committed.		Remarks.
	Cases.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
Akola	...	412	18	81	128	
Buldana	339	36	61	79	127	
Basim	33	82	140	1	1	
Oomraottee...	78	3	3	6	9	
Elichpur	154	3	12	3	3	
Wun	75	1		...	...	
Total ...	679	537	235	170	268	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXVIII.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement showing offences (other than those under Section 188, Indian Penal Code), committed by Brinjaras during the year 1874.

Nature of crime, Sections of the Indian Penal Code.	Number of offences in						Remarks.
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Oomraottee.	Elichpur.	Wun.	
Theft ... ...Section 379...	5	10	10	7	2	25	
Do. ... ... do. 380 & 381.	1						
House-breaking ... do. 454, 456...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
Do. by night... do. 457...	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Acts dangerous to life... do. 336...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Assault or use of criminal force ... ... do. 352, 354...	...	3	4	...	1	5	
Dacoity ... ... do. 395...	...	1	1	...	...	1	
Dishonest misappropriation of property ... do. 403...	...	1	1	...	...	2	
House-trespass ... do. 451, 54, 57...	...	2	...	..	...	...	
Cattle-trespass Act 24 of Act I. of 1871 ...	...	1	...	...	...	3	
Murder ... ... Section 302...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Resistance by a person to lawful apprehension do. 224...	...	...	2	...	...	...	
Voluntarily causing hurt ... ... do. 323...	...	...	3	...	...	1	
Do. Grievous hurt do. 324, 25...	...	...	2	...	...	1	
Dishonestly receiving stolen property ... do. 411...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Marrying again during the life time of husband or wife ... ... do. 494...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Nuisance Section 34 of Act V. of 1861	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Breach of trust ... do. 406...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Vagabondism	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Abetment of an offence... do. 116...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Taking gift, &c. ... do. 213, 214...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Rioting ... ... do. 147...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Culpable homicide ... do. 304...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Abetment of suicide... do. 305, 306...	...	...	..	...	...	1	
Defamation ... do. 500...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Kidnapping ... do. 363, 365...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Robbery ... ... do. 392...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Extortion ... ... do. 384...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Breach of Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Total...	9	20	27	11	3	66	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXIX.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement showing the number of Brinjaras punished during the year 1874.

Districts.	Number of cases and persons.								Discharged in the foregoing cases.		Only fined.	Flogged.	Imprisonment.								Total punished.	Remarks.
	Tried during the year.		Convicted.		Acquitted.		Discharged.						For and under one month.	For 2 months.	For 3 months.	For 6 months.	For 1 year.	For 3 years.	For 7 years.	Total.		
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons acquitted.	Persons discharged.												
Akola	9	12	8	10	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	4	...	...	...	3	...	...	7	10	
Buldana	20	36	11	14	4	5	5	17	...	...	5	1	3	...	3	2	...	...	...	8	14	
Basim	28	49	19	*27	6	17	3	5	...	...	4	1	15	1	1	2	1	...	...	20	25	* Two of these committed to Sessions Court.
Oomraottee	14	29	11	16	1	2	2	3	...	8	...	4	...	...	3	2	6	1	...	12	16	
Elichpur	3	3	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	
Wun	85	172	62	†117	8	19	15	36	...	...	57	10	31	3	7	6	1	...	1	49	116	† One committed to Sessions Court.
Total ...	159	301	113	186	20	44	26	63	...	8	67	18	53	4	14	13	11	2	1	98	183	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXX.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Average detention of witnesses in the year 1874.

Districts.	Period of detention.													Remarks.
	For 1 day.	For 2 days.	For 3 days.	For 4 days.	For 5 days.	For 6 days.	For 7 days.	For 8 days.	For 9 days.	For 10 days.	For 11 days.	For 12 days.	Total number of witnesses who appeared.	
Akola...	8,414	966	252	66	11	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	9,712	
Buldana	2,702	182	37	6	2	...	...	3	18	...	...	...	2,950	
Basim	1,137	421	190	18	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,788	
Oomraottee	8,015	985	62	12	5	...	...	5	7	5	...	...	9,096	
Elichpur	3,715	133	38	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,896	
Wun	3,396	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,413	
Total ...	27,379	2,704	579	107	40	7	...	8	26	5	...	...	30,855	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXXI.

Statement showing the estimated amount of property stolen and recovered in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Districts.		Number of cases reported.	Estimated amount stolen.			Amount recovered.			Proportion per cent. recovered.			Average value of property in each case.			Remarks.
			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Akola		934	44,399	0	0	23,450	0	0	52	13	0	44	10	8	
Buldana		456	19,862	0	0	6,807	0	0	34	4	4	43	8	10	
Basim		132	10,328	0	0	2,148	0	0	20	12	9	78	3	10	
Oomraottee		1,161	43,028	12	0	15,052	7	0	34	15	0	37	0	11	
Elichpur		574	17,843	0	0	8,071	0	0	45	3	9	31	1	4	
Wun...		489	20,336	0	0	6,358	0	0	31	4	3	41	9	5	
Total...	1874	3,806	1,55,796	12	0	61,886	7	0	39	11	6	40	15	9	
	1873	4,420	2,08,190	14	11	89,530	8	11	43	0	7	47	1	7	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the amount of fines levied and collected

Districts	Balance at close of last year.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Akola	16,224	7	4
Buldana	4,974	12	0
Basim	4,431	4	5
Con raottee	15,955	1	2
Elichpur	10,931	5	3
Wun	35,250	11	8
Total... 1874 ...	87,767	9	10
Total... 1873 ...	75,213	13	8

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XXXII.

in the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Fines levied during the year.			Total.			Collected during the year.			Amount relinquished or refunded.			Balance remaining.			Remarks.
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
13,531	11	0	29,756	2	4	11,984	3	7	1,216	0	3	16,555	14	6	
7,987	5	0	12,962	1	0	7,031	0	4	551	8	0	5,379	8	8	
3,715	2	0	8,146	6	5	2,795	10	6	731	9	6	4,619	2	5	
19,318	4	0	35,273	5	2	16,368	11	11	1,040	0	0	17,864	9	3	
8,087	7	0	19,018	12	3	7,417	6	0	...	...	...	11,601	6	3	
13,883	0	0	49,133	11	8	10,811	3	3	762	2	3	37,560	5	2	
66,522	13	0	1,54,290	6	10	56,408	3	7	4,301	5	0	93,580	14	3	
80,963	5	8	1,56,177	3	4	67,028	0	6	1,381	9	0	87,767	9	10	

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement showing the suicides and accidental deaths in

Districts.	Suicides. By drowning. Men.	Women.	Children.	By hanging. Men.	Women.	Children.	By poison. Men.	Women.	Children.	By other means. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total of Columns 14, 15 and 16.	By drowning in wells. Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Akola	16	12	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	5	...	2	23	14	5	42	28	19	8
Buldana	1	3	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	1	8	11	16	11
Basim	6	4	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	6	8	1	15	8	23	9
Oomraottee... ...	11	26	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	18	26	1	45	15	30	24
Elichpur	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	6	2	...	8	12	11	4
Wun	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	5	1	...	6	2	8	1
Total ...	38	48	2	5	1	2	9	6	2	9	...	2	61	55	8	124	76	107	57

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

No. XXXIII.

the Haidarabad Assigned Districts during the year 1874.

Accidental deaths.																									
By drowning in rivers and tanks.			By burning.			By lightning.			By strokes of the sun and wind.			By wild beasts.			By landslips, or walls falling.			By other means.			Total.			Total of Columns 42, 43 and 44.	Remarks.
Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
12	12	2	2	4	2	14	6	3	1	7	...	14	7	2	6	7	10	36	11	2	113	73	29	215	
8	3	6	2	3	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	15	10	6	...	3	...	6	4	1	53	39	26	118	
3	3	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	17	11	11	...	...	...	14	10	13	42	48	39	129	
12	7	6	2	3	2	7	1	1	17	13	8	6	1	8	...	...	1	30	8	19	89	63	69	221	
8	1	4	3	11	6	3	...	...	6	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	33	13	15	69	36	29	134	
12	8	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	24	15	1	...	...	...	9	8	3	50	39	12	101	
55	34	29	10	21	14	36	8	4	25	20	8	79	44	28	7	10	11	128	54	53	416	298	204	918	

J. G. BELL, *Major*,
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXXIV.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statment showing castes of persons brought to trial during the year 1874.

Caste.	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Oomraottee	Elichpur.	Wun.	Total.	Remarks.
Christians	1	1	1	4	2	2	11	
Jews	...	...	...	6	...	...	6	
Kunbis	2,235	483	414	1,302	525	309	5,268	
Marwadis	214	36	48	128	50	69	545	
Brahmins	152	81	47	214	66	62	622	
Musalmans	721	216	95	612	359	169	2,172	
Brinjaras	12	36	47	29	3	171	298	
Artizans	205	58	69	318	68	112	830	
Mhars...	721	137	96	436	311	159	1,860	
Gonds	13	...	...	75	78	56	222	
Other castes	1,004	406	154	1,795	908	670	4,937	
Total ...	5,278	1454	971	4,919	2,370	1,779	16,771	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL No. XXXV.

HAIDARABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Statement showing the proportion of police to population, area, &c.

Districts.	Population.	Square miles.	Revenue of all kinds.			Regular Police.		Village Police.	Proportion of all Police.		Costs of regular Police.			Costs of village Police.			Proportion of Columns 10 and 11, (totalled) to Column 4.			Remarks.
						Officers.	Constables.	Watchmen.	To area.	To population.										
1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10			11			12			13
			RS.	A.	P.						RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Akola ...	480,657	3,780	22,02,560	0	3	89	455	986	2·4	314	84,674	0	0	67,836	12	5	14	7	8	
Buldana ...	365,779	2,715	9,50,736	7	9	77	373	961	1·9	259	66,823	5	7	51,565	12	8	8	0	6	
Basim ...	257,316	2,275	5,82,925	0	0	62	297	506	2·6	297	57,161	0	0	30,360	0	0	6	10	7	
Oomraottee ...	501,331	2,773	22,41,893	6	0	94	475	1,200	1·6	283	78,421	0	0	72,000	0	0	14	14	5	
Elichpur ...	279,211	2,636	12,14,341	3	7	47	217	864	2·3	247	43,867	0	0	54,678	0	0	12	5	2	
Wun ...	343,012	4,136	6,81,662	0	0	20	424	600	4·	328	69,651	0	0	26,511	0	0	7	1	5	
Total ...	2,227,306	18,315	78,74,126	1	7	389	2,241	5,117	2·4	288	4,00,597	5	7	3,02,951	9	1	11	3	0	

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.

J. G. BELL, *Major,*
Offg. Judicial Commissioner,
Haidarabad Assigned Districts.

PROVINCIAL

Statement of Sessions cases tried by the Judicial Commis

Offences.	Remaining from last year.		Received by transfer.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Decided.								Pending.	
									Convicted.		Acquitted in the foregoing.	Acquitted.		Transferred to another Court.				
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		Cases.	Persons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18
CLASS II.																		
Murder and abetment of murder, Sections 302 and 109, Indian Penal Code	1	1	...	...	21	33	22	34	17	21	4	4	8	...	...		1	1
Culpable homicide not amounting to murder, Section 304, Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...		1	1
Attempt of murder and dacoity, with attempt to cause death, or grievous hurt, Sections 307 and 397, Indian Penal Code ...	...	...	...	...	4	5	4	5	4	5	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
CLASS III.																		
Dacoity with murder, Section 396, Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	2
Total ...	1	1	...	...	29	43	30	44	23	28	4	4	8	...	...		3	4

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
AKOLA,
The 13th April 1875.